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Gov. Walker Meets with Tribal Leaders, Tours Lac du Flambeau Community

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe hosted Governor Scott Walker and his Cabinet Thursday, Aug. 8 and Friday, Aug. 9 at the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino. Cabinet members and members of the administration arrived in Lac du Flambeau Thursday evening for dinner. They were greeted by Tribal Officials from the Bad River, Ho-Chunk, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee, Mole Lake, Oneida, Red Cliff, St. Croix and Stockbridge-Munsee Nations. The dinner was an opportunity for Tribal and State Officials to discuss important issues in an informal setting. With the recent seizure of a shipment of tobacco bound for several reservation, and the State's decision to withhold more than \$7 million in tobacco tax rebates from the Ho-Chunk Nation, the meeting was a critical step in addressing these developments.

The event began at 7 p.m. Thursday with a welcome reception under the tent on the shores of Pokegama



Lake. The casual setting offered a relaxed atmosphere and provided opportunities for attendees to discuss issues while developing key relationships.

Lewis Taylor, chair of St. Croix, opened Friday's meeting with a traditional Ojibwe prayer. This was followed by an honor and flag song performed by the LdF Tribe's youth drum group the Tomahawk Circle Singers. LdF Tribal President Tom Maulson delivered the opening remarks, acknowledging and thanking each tribe and Governor Walker and his Cabinet for taking time to meet. After formal introductions, Chairman Maulson began discussions by touching on a variety of topics including synthetic and prescription drug abuse, economic development, Tribal sovereignty, gaming, education, and developing a proactive approach to working with Tribes. Tribal Leaders took the opportunity to openly address areas of concern that each of their communities face. With increasing tension between the Tribes and State of Wisconsin over mining, tobacco and gaming, the gathering was an important step in keeping

the lines of communication open.

Each Tribal Chairman took the opportunity to challenge the Governor regarding a number of recent developments affecting their tribes. A colorful, and sometimes tense, exchange between St. Croix Chairman Lewis Taylor and Governor Walker began when Taylor called on the state to return a seized shipment of tobacco from Nebraska to his tribe. "You are not allowing us the ability to develop our own economies through Nation to Nation commerce," said Taylor.

Walker took issue with the statement by saying, "We are simply asking that you respect agreements that have been in place for years. Why should you be exempt when all the other tribes are abiding by those same arrangements?" Bad River Chair Mike Wiggins Jr., took the lead in speaking on concerns regarding the proposed iron ore mine in the Penoque Mountain Range.

"If you look at the health of the entire Bad River watershed, it's easy to see that the impact of an open pit mine would devastate the entire region. The entire water fil-

tration system of the southern shore of Lake Superior is in jeopardy, and at what cost? A few years worth of jobs?"

Ho-Chunk Nation President John Greendeer talked about the laws and policies that affect the tribes in areas of health, education and economic growth. "Perhaps the very policies you promote were made without the Tribes' interests in mind. Historically, laws that govern activity within the state do not represent the needs of Indian People. From my standpoint, we were never even considered."

Following suit, Chairman Maulson spoke of the need for continuing consultations with the tribes if any progress were to take place. "As you can see Governor, we are here to see what we can accomplish together. Let's talk about other opportunities where you want to mine. There are many ways to develop our economies in those areas. Once you tear up the ground, you see how it looks. You can't really go back and smooth it over. Let's build those partnerships that will benefit each of our communities and allow for a better future for those little people, and even

those unborn coming behind us."

Governor Walker pledged to continue to support for working with tribes on a Government to Government level, and in doing so, including the tribes in partnership opportunities moving forward. "The State of Wisconsin has a history rich in Native American citizenry and contribution. Our duty today is to explore the ways that we, together, can move this great state and our people toward prosperity."

The two-day meeting culminated in a tour of the Lac du Flambeau community, with Chairman Maulson leading Governor Walker, Lieutenant Gov-

ernor Rebecca Kleefisch, Tribal officials and other state officials. Health Director Randy Samuelson presented the group with a brief tour of the Peter Christensen Health Center. This group then toured the newly completed Peter Christensen Dental Clinic. Paco Fralick, Dental Director, spoke of the positive impact the state-of-the-art facility is having on the dental health of Tribal Members and non-members alike.

The Governor commented on the foresight put into the dental clinic saying, "This is an incredible facility that not only fills a need for health care, but also plays a part in building the economy through its educational offerings."

After touring both health care facilities, the group visited the Natural Resources Building, where Larry Warwoniwicz gave an overview of the Tribe's natural resource program. The tour concluded with a visit to the site of the future Aqua Culture Center, and the Governor talking with workers about the construction of the facility. "The Lac du Flambeau community is to be commended for its vision and I look forward to working with the Tribal Government to advance its opportunities," said Walker.



Tomahawk Circle Singers.

TREATY TRACKER: WISCONSIN OJIBWE TRIBES SUE FOR NIGHT HUNT

Six Ojibwe Tribes in Wisconsin have filed a suit in federal court asking that their inherent right to hunt whitetail deer at night be reaffirmed.

The Bad River, Lac Courte Oriellies, Lac du Flambeau and Mole Lake tribes have jointly filed a Motion for Relief in Wisconsin's Western District Court, which supports a 1989 lawsuit by the LCO Tribe requesting the state to authorize a night hunt within the Ceded Territory for Tribal Members. In that Case (known as the Deer Trial), the state successfully argued that from a historical perspective, there were no legalized night hunting activities in the lower 48 states and, more specifically, none allowed in Wisconsin. Federal Judge Barbara Crabb agreed, and did not authorize a night hunt concurring

that the Tribes failed to prove there had ever been any legalized forms of hunting at night in Wisconsin. At that time the Tribes agreed to abide by her ruling and limited the practice of night hunting deer to the confines of their reservations.

Changing Legal Landscape

Since that ruling, there have been dramatic changes in laws authorizing night hunting throughout the United States and Canada. Closer to home, Wisconsin legislation allowing night hunting of various animals (including White-tailed deer) has steadily increased. Most notably, in 2012, the state allowed night hunting of gray wolves. In light of changing circumstances, the six Ojibwe Tribes have sought to have the earlier decision by Judge Crabb stayed citing the

following changes:

1. The State of Wisconsin has recently authorized a night hunt for Gray Wolves for sport.
2. The State of Wisconsin has allowed night hunting activities to eradicate deer infected with Chronic Wasting Disease.
3. The State of Wisconsin currently allows night time shooting of "nuisance" deer by private wildlife management firms to keep White-tailed deer from encroaching in suburban and urban areas.
4. Since 1989, 26 states have authorized some form of night hunting.
5. In all of the lower 48 states, some form of legalized night hunting currently or previously existed.
6. In nearly all of Canada, First Nations Members are allowed to hunt at night.

Safety First

The focus of the state's argument against night hunting relates to safety concerns. The state contends that high caliber firearms fired at night would expose the general public to potential harm. The Tribes have countered with the fact that in all of the authorized night hunting activities in Wisconsin, there have been no reported injuries or firearm accidents. In addition, the regulations and requirements the Tribes are proposing for Tribal Members wishing to hunt at night are far more stringent than the standards currently used for authorized night hunting activities in the state.

Included in the Tribes' safety plan are:

- Mandatory night time marksmanship courses,
- A minimum of 12 hours

of required firearms safety training, and

- A mandatory field research of the area prior to hunting.

Cultural and Historical Importance

Tribal elders and historians tell of a history rich in living off the land. For as long as he can remember, Tribal Elder George Carufel speaks of his grandfather, Charles Headflyer, hunting deer as a way to feed his family. "When I was just a kid, I would help my dad clean deer. If I heard two shots, I knew he got one and I would start out with my pack to go help him. We used the meat, the bones, the marrow, everything. That meat and fat got us through a lot of winters."

For hundreds of years, and many generations, night hunting has been a traditional way for peo-

ple to feed their families. "Shooting deer at night is about putting food on the table, not about putting a trophy on the wall," said John "Archie" Edwards, a Tribal Member who has hunted his entire life. "My great-uncle William Poupert, Sr. told me "Don't be afraid of the woods, they will feed you someday". I always think about what he told me, and how these teachings continue to live on through me."

Ruling Expected This Fall

During the trial held the week of July 22, Judge Crabb heard testimony from both state and Tribal expert witnesses. She gave the parties until mid-September to submit closing briefs. A ruling is expected by November. Inwewin will continue to keep you updated as developments unfold.

Tribe Announces the Creation of Ogema Communications LLC

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe is proud to announce the creation of Ogema Communications LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the LDF Business Development Corporation.

Ogema Communications LLC, was born out of the Tribe's Broadband Initiative, which is a collective effort between Gikendaasowin, the Tribe's Education Department, and Access Engineering LLC, Nicolet College, the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation and the Town of Minocqua.

The formation of Ogema Communications LLC brings the goal of offering high-speed, broadband internet access to the Lakeland area one step closer to becoming a reality. The lack of reliable, broadband internet service in the Northwoods has been a major obstacle in attracting businesses, and has been a contributing fac-



Participants in the broadband apprenticeship program visit Menominee College.

tor in the area's sluggish job growth numbers.

Access Engineering, a leader in private fiber optic and wireless communications systems, is providing hands-on instruction to seven Tribal

Members currently involved in the Education Department's Broadband Apprenticeship Program. The Apprenticeship Program offers learning and skill development opportunities in all facets

of the communications industry. This includes planning and logistics, and the daily operations of an internet service provider and telecommunications company. Gikendaasowin Director,

Joni Theobald and the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council, saw the need for dependable, high speed internet access as an opportunity for not only the Tribe but the Northwoods as a whole. "We knew the potential was there from every angle; it was just a matter of putting all the pieces together," said Theobald. "We have a real opportunity for the Tribe to build a complete communications company which will serve the entire Lakeland area." Benefits of high speed internet access include new business development, business expansion, increased work potential, and enhanced public safety.

Tribal Chairman Tom Maulson spoke highly on this initiative. "This is just another example of what Indian People can do when given an opportunity. We have great partners in this project and there's no reason we can't become the biggest

and best communications provider in northern Wisconsin and beyond," Maulson said.

Ogema Communications LLC will seek Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grant opportunities specifically earmarked for developing communications in Indian communities during the initial phases of the project, including the Tribal Mobility project. This project identifies that "approximately 29% of Americans residing on Tribal lands are without access to fixed broadband meeting the speed benchmark, compared to only 6% of Americans overall. The percentage of unserved Americans living on Tribal lands is approximately five times the national average". With the inception of Ogema Communications LLC and Gikendaasowin's commitment to education, the Lac du Flambeau Tribe looks to reverse that trend.

ELDER'S SPEAK: VIRGINIA SENECA ON GROWING UP IN LdF

Virginia (Wayman) Seneca is a respected elder and has devoted a good portion of her life to serving others. She has long been an advocate of Indian People and the Lac du Flambeau Community. *Inwewin* recently had the pleasure of sharing an afternoon with Virginia and her husband Ed.

Question: Where did you grow up?

Answer: "I grew up right here in Lac du Flambeau. It was beautiful. I have a lot of good memories as a child."

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

Answer: "We used to go out to the Old Village and watch the old people tanning hides, cleaning fish, bringing their game in. All of our Grandmas' and Grandpas' lived out there. I saw a lot and remember a lot of good times. Back then, everyone helped everyone else out. Out in the Village, they had gardens, and did beadwork and birch-bark baskets. We kids would go out there and help them cut wood and stack it. And the lakes, oh they were so beautiful



and clean, we would play in them all day long. I really love the memories I have as a young girl."

Question: Have you lived in LdF your entire life?

Answer: "No, when I was about 15 or 16 I moved to Chicago where I worked at Zenith, where we made televisions. I actually lived in Aurora, Illinois for a number of years while I contin-

ued working. Later on I moved to Minneapolis to go to work for Control Data, which is where we built computers and motherboards for planes, ships, and even had contracts building technology for the United States Government's Aerospace Program. I got to be very skilled at my work. I was very good with my hands. I got to be so good that

the company gave me a number of honors and awards for my quality of work. I hardly had any returns or rejects, ever. I lived and worked there for 29 years.

Question: When did you meet your husband Ed?

Answer: "I met Ed in 1971 when I was living in Minneapolis. We have been together ever since. You know Ed is a Mem-

ber of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in Canada."

Question: How did you like life in the city?

Answer: "I love life wherever I am. We were always involved in the Native Community, helping others. We were active in the Native American Fellowship in Minneapolis and volunteered in different areas, cooking and serving the homeless, helping people to get off of booze. Ed and I would go into prisons to help the Native inmates, doing services and just talking and listening to them. I want you to mention this - we always served the Lord. Ed is an ordained minister and through our work for the Lord, we helped a lot of people to find their way out of drugs and alcohol. It was very rewarding. Looking back, I wonder where we found the time to do everything we did."

Question: What are your thoughts on the Lac du Flambeau Community today?

Answer: "I've heard about the new gas station and store that the Tribe is hopefully going

to build. That is so exciting and wonderful! I think it is great that our community is expanding, that's what I like to see. I hope they incorporate more of our culture into our businesses. It would be nice to have the outside and inside of the new gas station and store be decorated with a Native theme. I want to see our people succeed and be outstanding in everything they do."

Question: What is your hope for our community going into the future?

Answer: "I think about our youth and I pray for the ones who need help, those who are using drugs and alcohol. I want to see more help for the parents of our children, the ones who are using drugs and alcohol. I don't want to see bad things happen. I look forward to seeing our Council continue to work together to bring good things to our community. I pray for the Council all the time. I know the Lord can do great things and I pray for wisdom for our leaders and all of our people so we can continue on a good path."

Changes to BadgerCare and Medicaid

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, there will be changes for Medicaid and BadgerCare recipients.

In September, recipients will begin to receive information in the mail regarding changes that will affect eligibility for BadgerCare and Medicaid.

It is very important that you open these notices and read the information, as these changes may affect your benefits. Medicare recipients will not be affected by this change.

The Tribal Economic Support Program is aware that a change to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be occurring. The FPL will decrease from

200% to 100%. Anyone with income over 100% of the FPL will be

referred to the Marketplace. The Marketplace is a way to find health coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs.

Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2014. Information is available at www.healthcare.gov. If you do not have internet access, you may visit the library.

When open enrollment begins, there are three ways you can apply:

1) Online – www.healthcare.gov,

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2) Complete a paper application, or
3) In person with a Navigator.

Navigators will provide assistance and information about the program. At this time, not much information is available on the role of a Navigator, but it is anticipated that one may be located at the Peter Christensen Health Center.

If you do not have insurance coverage in 2014, you will be penalized and will have to pay a fee. Penalties will be \$95.00 per adult, \$47.50 per child, or 1% of income - whichever is higher.

As more information is available, we will continue to update you.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes

to our Elders who are celebrating September birthdays.

Janice McKinney 9/2

William Beson 9/6

William Wewasson Sr. 9/6

Charles Walczak 9/6

William Madosh 9/7

Georgine Brown 9/7

Bagwajikwe Madosh 9/8

John Soulier Sr. 9/9

Donald Devine 9/9

Rose Chandler 9/9

David Valliere 9/12

Bernelle Young 9/13

Myrtle Wayman 9/14

Ronald Ness 9/15

Michael Doud 9/16

Harriet Thompson 9/17

Richard Saglin 9/17

Mary Louise Martin 9/18

Roland LaBarge Sr. 9/22

Marian Randolph 9/22

Spencer Smith Jr. 9/22

Mary Mann Sr. 9/23

Sylvia Smith 9/25

Thomas Beson 9/25

Robert McArthur II 9/28

Nachi Cobe 9/29

Mildred Schuman 9/29

Bernard Delaney 9/30

The War on Drugs Continues

Over the summer, our community experienced two tragic car accidents that impacted many families, friends and community members. Accidents involving alcohol or drugs further solidify the Tribe's war on drugs and the consequences for abusive behaviors.

The State of Emergency and Operation Pandora were public declarations of the Tribe's war on drug and alcohol abuse. "Our goal is to greatly impact the availability of drugs on our streets. 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 send the strong message that drug abuse is not acceptable on our lands. We have resources and support for our people who need help with addictions," said Tribal President Tom Maulson. Increased emergency response calls are another indicator that abuse is widespread. The use of drugs and alcohol are contributing factors to the high incarceration rate of Tribal Members, the ever-increasing cost of health care, and ultimately the loss of our Members and Descendants.

An important part of reducing the use of drugs and alcohol is treatment.

The Family Resource Center offers a number of services to Tribal Members, Descendants and community members seeking assistance for mental health, alcohol and drug issues. Outpatient counseling, individual and group therapy, and outreach services are provided to people who wish to break the cycle of addiction. Family Resource Center Director Linda Daniels recently reported in her annual program budget request that the Center has budgeted for an increased number of individuals to receive inpatient treatment during the next fiscal year. The successful passage of the budget, coupled with the tribe's ability to obtain additional state and federal funding, will ultimately determine the exact number of people that the Tribe will be able to help with treatment.

Mental Health Supervisor Ken Ninham said that the addition of a group home in Lac du Flambeau has been an asset in helping individuals on their road to recovery. "We have been operating the Sober Transitional Living Home for 16 months. The home has seven beds and offers a safe environment for our guests. We are a co-ed facility, and offers a stable, healthy living environment for those looking to make a good life for themselves." Ninham and his wife Florence (Flo), who also works at the

Tribe Banishes 58 Non-Members

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2013, the Lac du Flambeau Police Department began serving banishment notices from the LdF Tribal Government to 58 Non-Tribal Members known to be involved with, and/or associated with, criminal activities, drug, gang or other illegal activities. "The Tribe is trying to curb crime on the Reservation. The Tribe is tired of providing services to Non-Members who are putting a burden on the Tribe," said Police Chief Robert

Brandenburg.

Individuals receiving the banishment notices are banned from the exterior boundaries of the LdF Reservation for a period of five years. The notice states, "During this period you are not welcome or allowed within the exterior boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation." The notice also includes, "If you are currently living within the boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation, you are required

to leave within 48 hours of this notice. Failure to comply with this notice and the act of being harbored by another resident living within the exterior boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation will result in civil and possibly criminal proceedings to yourself and those harboring you."

In April, the Tribal Government declared a State of Emergency. Since that time, Tribal and law enforcement officials have taken an aggressive stance

on substance abuse. "Our Tribal Government takes the issue of drugs and illegal activity in our community very seriously. We made some very hard decisions, and the action we took was not easy. The leadership has a duty to protect our children and to provide a safe environment for everyone. This is just another example of the action we will take in our war against drugs and criminal behavior," said Tribal President Tom Maulson.

FRC as a counselor, have made helping people with substance abuse problems their life work. "We both live here - on premises at the home - and in doing so, hope to make a difference in the lives of others who may not yet realize their own potential." The Sober Transitional Living Home is an alcohol and drug free facility, located on the north end of Pokegama Lake in Lac du Flambeau.

In addition to the Family Resource Center, the Zaagiibagaa Healing To Wellness Court is a new partnership between the Vilas County and Lac du Flambeau Tribal courts that provides another effort to transform lives. Instead of the traditional jail sentence for non-violent criminal offenses involving drugs, individuals who may oth-

erwise be headed to jail or prison will be referred to the Zaagiibagaa Healing To Wellness Court for treatment. Judge Smith from Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court, and Judge Nielsen from Vilas County Court, along with a team of trained professionals, monitor the daily lives of program participants, and offer assistance and support in many areas. Supervision includes weekly meetings between Judge Smith and the participant to update progress, ongoing weekly counseling sessions, weekly random drug screenings, and continued employment or school attendance.

At the grass-roots level, a number of community coalitions are very active in substance abuse prevention and education including the Positive Alterna-

tives Coalition (PAC), the Minobimaadiziiwin Coalition (Mino), Healthier Community Action Team (HCAT), Gang Reduction through Intervention Prevention and Suppression Task Force (G.R.I.P.S.), Lakeland Area Prescription Drug Task Force, and the Northwood's Coalition. These groups are comprised of community members, professionals, and Tribal leaders who volunteer their time and energy in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles. The coalitions meet monthly and work on a number of projects from research-study programs to educational events, all focused on drug and alcohol prevention and treatment.

Drug and alcohol abuse is a complex issue that our community faces. Factors that may play a part in substance abuse include a person's socio-economic status, a history of physical or emotional abuse, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, to name a few. Bob Kovar, Prevention Specialist for the Marshfield Clinic's Community Outreach Program said, "The Northwoods Coalition (NWC) is a network of community coalitions across 40 counties and the 11 Tribal nations committed to implementing culturally responsive, evidence-based strategies to reduce substance abuse. In the north region, we have developed a Regional Substance Abuse Prevention

Plan to be implemented over the next several years. A big component of the plan this year is the launch of an awareness campaign to combat the rising use of synthetic drugs in our communities."

Kovar, who is actively involved in a number of coalitions and programs aimed at reducing usage rates among youth, went on to say, "Many of us feel frustrated that we are not seeing the kind of progress we want to see with regards to substance abuse, but the answer lies in our ability to come together as neighbors, as parents, and as professionals to bring the best ideas to light. The solutions are in each of us - and collectively we can make a difference." For more information on counseling and treatment options, the LdF Wellness Court, or any of the community coalitions mentioned, please contact:

LdF Wellness Court - Judge Gary Smith 715-588-4220; Counseling and Treatment - Ken Ninham at the LdF Family Resource Center 715-588-1511; Positive Alternatives Coalition - Kelly Allen 715-588-3324

Minobimaadiziiwin Coalition - Sue Wolfe 715-588-3838, extension 192; G.R.I.P.S. Task Force - Chris Cuestas 520-405-6979; Northwoods Coalition - Bob Kovar, Marshfield Clinic Center for Community Outreach 715-614-8831.

First offender youth diversion program implemented

The Oshki Anishinaabe Youth Services Program has implemented a first offender youth diversion program.

What is that you ask? The program is named "Oshki Anishinaabe Gwayakochigewin" (youth doing right). This program combines Prevention, Intervention, Reconciliation and Reclamation.

How did this happen? Well, our collaboration of the Healthy Community Action Team and G.R.I.P.S. (gang reduction through

intervention prevention an suppression) gang task force worked together diligently to develop and implement this program. We enlisted the assistance of the majority of tribal programs to put together a multi-pronged response to deal with youth offenders and their parents. This is a four-fold strategy which begins with a comprehensive day long intervention Saturday session that the youth & parent(s) have to attend. During this session youth and parents receive

focused educational training modules covering topics such as: Tribal Justice, Oshki Anishinaabe Youth Services, Drugs and Alcohol Education, Health and Nutrition, Exercise, Culture, Gang and Bullying Prevention, School Attendance and Parenting and Family Communication.

The second step is a community service project participation which may vary in hours depending on the Judge's discretion. The last step can either be

additional program participation or conditions.

Lastly is the participation in an Elder Panel that the youth and family must appear before to discuss their behavior and receive insight and direction from the panel participants.

If you are interested in becoming an Elder Panel participant please contact Mike Zimmerman at the Oshki Anishinaabe Youth Services Program 715-588-4326 (office), 715-439-3453 (cell) or mzimmerman@ldftribe.com.

Hey Arch, WOW! How the hell have you been? The gang on Miigiizi Circle was sitting around and we heard Ask Arch was going to appear in the next issue of *Inwewin*. We all looked at each other with, eyes and mouths wide open and all said at the same time, Oh My God! Excitement filled the air with teeth and gums splashed upon our faces with glee. We recalled past epic stories and the wisdom you shared with us. We are so looking forward to your wise, true and informative comments. Let us know how you've been and what you've been up to!

Signed,
The Fine Feathered Ones.

ASK ARCH HE ALWAYS KNOWS



Hello to you Fine Little Feathers,

I've been well, considering having recently been run through a battery of tests to determine if it's ok for me to walk the streets. But I'm ok, I'm ok. They made me look at pictures of ink splattered on paper and tell them what I think I'm seeing. I did enjoy the hours spent laying, relaxing on the leather sofa in the one guy's office, talking about my hopes and dreams, and years past. The health professionals were happy to report they didn't find anything wrong. They said I'm A-OK, just a normal, ordinary person of the human race. It was suggested though that my behavior could use some improvement, not much though, well who's doesn't eh? I've been busy traveling to and fro, and up and down this Rez like a wild pony in full gallop. It's a pleasure just knowing some of you will smile and maybe giggle at the thought. I can just picture some of you reading with such great intensity. Eyes moving so rapidly across the page that your head is trying to keep up. Smiling so hard and so long that your lips and gums start drying out. It's been awhile since you heard from me, I will admit. I've had quite a lot of requests to correspond via email, but I can't keep up with society's technology. I'm lucking I know how to use one of those cellular devices that fold in half. So many changes have taken place the past decade that I feel out of touch. I-pods capable of accessing any song ever sung? I heard these Smart phones operate by voice command now days? Well excuse me, so do I! Hello!? How's that voice command work after you knocked the thing in the toilet bowl? As you watch your phone sink to the bottom can you holler "swim"? Does it follow your command? And as you witness this happen and utter a certain four letter word out loud does your phone (after crawling out of the toilet) start gently caressing your neck and shoulders? Huh? Social Media is very entertaining as well, especially when drama is going on, even if it doesn't concern you what so ever! And really, do we need to see and hear about what you ate for breakfast, lunch, or dinner? Me, I'm happy if I can find a couple of pieces of bread and a slice of commodity luncheon meat at the end of the day. Are you really that interested in seeing what my dinner looks like? If so, let me know, send me a private message, I'll be glad to post pictures of my one course meal. Television? That technology too has made great strides, huh? I still gut one of those t.v.'s that weigh 300 lbs. and could double as a furnace. It helps heat the house in the winter months as well. Often when I have guests over after the first of October, we'll gather close 'round the television, not just for viewing pleasure, but to warm our hands and feet and bodies. Now if you're advanced and have some extra zhoonyia (which means money for those who aren't well versed in the native tongue), you may have one of those laser disc players. I haven't had the pleasure of enjoying Blu Ray or High Definition just yet but trust me, I'm not risking life and limb climbing around on roofs all day for nothin'. I'm saving up my hard earned greenbacks so I can be technologically sophisticated like everyone else. I so enjoy the way movies have been formatted to fit my screen, I don't need any fancy box or gadgets for that, my neighbor's cable company provides that service for my viewing pleasure (free of charge to me of course.) Now this satellite technology they have for cars is something else, let me tell you! I hear these GPS units for vehicles are a hit but you know what? I don't trust 'em. I decide where my war pony goes. I decide the shortest distance from my wigwam to the nearest trading post or wagering facility, not the GPS device. Why? Because I know all the back roads, roads many of you wouldn't dare travel with your vehicle. I on the other hand don't care about the terrain or whether or not I may encounter fallen trees, boulders, or low hanging branches along the path. I don't let these things get in my way or dissuade me, I HIT THE GAS, keeping my head and arms inside the vehicle for safety. However, scratches, dings, and dents give my war pony character, bring out it's true personality.

I hope my words and insights help you on your paths less traveled. And remember, the best technology comes from that computer between your ears.

Until next time, your Feather from another,
Uncle Arch

Welcome to the Tribe's new monthly newspaper: *Inwewin*

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 and the call of the wolf, this is "Inwewin."

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TNR Youth Program



The Tribal Natural Resources (TNR) Department provided the TNR Youth Program a tour of the proposed Penokee Mine Site. The tour was conducted by Northland College Geologist Tom Fitz, a local expert on the regional geology and the geology of the proposed Penokee Mine Site. Youth workers obtained hands-on geology knowledge of the area and of the substantial impacts to the environment if the mine proceeds.

It was a full day of visiting various outcropping rock formations in the area that GTAC is currently conducting boring. The group ended the site visit at the LCO Harvest Camp in which LCO provided us with good words of determination and inspiration for LDF to join the effort.

The youth pictured and working for the TNR Youth Program are: Scott Chapman, Anakwad Elm, Jeremy Schuman, Winter McCoy and Serene LaBarge. TNR Staff: Wayne Wolfe, Kristen Hanson, Dee Allen and Bruce Maata.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo,

It has been quite some time since my last report to you and I must say that despite our daily challenges in life, a lot of good things are happening. It's exciting times in Lac du Flambeau! We are creating jobs, we are constructing new buildings, and we are forming new companies to take us into the future.

Our enrollment is almost 4,000 strong. "Welcome to Waswagoning" to all of our new Members and Descendants.

The new Peter Christensen Dental Clinic was completed in early spring, and is now serving the People and the surrounding community. We are planning a grand opening in September, and I hope to see you all there.

We have a new Housing Director, Jackie Soulier, and new Board of Directors for our Chippewa Housing Authority. Jackie, as many of you know, has great knowledge of our housing program and her skills and experience are assets to the Tribe. The Tribal Council serves as the Board, and has implemented several sound policies to protect our children and families. We plan to have many accomplishments in the coming future.

We also have a new president for the LdF Business Development Corporation's Board of Directors - Randy Soulier. The Board is comprised of Tribal Members, and has been working extremely hard to bring new opportunities to the Tribe. Some of you may have heard that a new Internet Lending company was started in June and is housed in the Gikendaasowin Education Center. Led by Melissa Doud, she and her team are building an important financial asset for future generations to come.

Our Business Development Corporation, with support from our Council, has formed the LdF Construction Company. The LDF BDC tasked William Beson Jr., to head up this venture and looks to draw on his years of experience in all facets of the construction industry. This company will take on projects both on and off the Reservation. We have many skilled tradesmen and women, and this endeavor will provide the opportunities to put them to work. Ogema Communications, LLC., is a new Tribal initiative that is focused on providing needed broadband internet service, as well as job training and employment opportunities for Tribal Members and Descendants. The Council, along with Education Director Joni Theobald, identified Nicolet College, the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, and Access Engineering LLC, as partners in this project. The Tribe is in the early stages to becoming a regional internet and telecommunications service provider. Ogema Communications will enhance public safety, provide better distance learning and training opportunities, and help stimulate the economy.

As we know, drug and alcohol abuse is an issue that affects each and every one of our families. The Council is committed to fighting the war on drugs and we support law enforcement's efforts to curb illegal activity in our community. Operation Pandora was a joint effort between Tribal and State agencies that resulted in a number of drug related arrests. The other side of that war is offering treatment and assistance to those people who want to get healthy and live a life free of drugs and substance abuse. Our Tribal Court System, in conjunction with the Council, has established the Zaagiibaa Healing To Wellness Court. The Court was formed in partnership with Vilas County and Judge Nielsen, and will provide Tribal Members an opportunity to get healthy. In addition to the Wellness Court, the Family Resource Center continues to operate the Sober Transitional Living Home. The home provides services to individuals seeking a way out of a life of substance abuse.

Education is at the top of our priorities, and we are committed to insuring our Members and Descendants have the resources necessary to succeed. The Tribe has invested a great deal of time and money on behalf of our children. We have supported many sporting activities including youth baseball and softball, and are proud to support a group of young boxes at Indian Summer in Milwaukee. Indian Summer will be held September 6 through September 8, 2013.

We continue work to raise funds for the renovation of the Indian Bowl. Fundraising efforts are moving along for the construction of the Lac du Flambeau Living Arts and Culture Center, and so far we have received \$1.1 million in grants and donations. You may view more information about this important project at www.indianbowlproject.org.

Richard Jack and his team are working on updates to our constitution. The Constitution Committee has held a series of informational workshops for Members and Descendants. The goal of the committee is to reflect the needs of the People. The needed amendments will bring our government into the new millennium, and will strengthen our community.

On August 8, the six Ojibwe tribes of Wisconsin met to form the Wisconsin Chippewa Federation. We strengthen our opportunities when we act as one. We are moving forward to act as a united body for our People, protecting and strengthening our sovereignty.

I could go on in sharing with you the many good things happening here. Often times we have struggles, and our struggles affect us deeply as Indian People. We cannot focus on the negative. We need to stay on course, keeping our future generations at the forefront of our thoughts. We need a team effort - to work together and have fun as we build the future for our young people - and those not here yet.

Miigwitch,

President Tom Maulson



Sale of Green Bay Hotel Property explained

At the public budget meeting Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, questions arose regarding the sale of the Green Bay hotel property. Tribal President Tom Maulson provided a brief response, and Inwewin followed up with a meeting with the President and Duane Chapman to provide you with more details.

In 2006, the Hotel Investment Group Green Bay, LLC was formed and construction began on the property. Mino Se is one of 12 investors who are part of the limited liability corporation, and Mino Se holds approximately 55.5% interest in the LLC.

Mino Se is a hotel and hospitality limited liability corporation that works on behalf of the Tribe's hospitality business interests. Mino Se and other Tribal corporations were formed to protect the Tribe's assets.

At the Aug. 2 budget meeting, questions arose about why the Tribe sold the property and what will be done with the sale proceeds. Duane Chapman, Tribal Auditor, explained the sale saying, "As with any business market, there are ebbs and flows. The hospitality industry also sees ebbs and flows, as well as volatile swings, based on the economy. At the end of 2012, it became apparent that the Green Bay hotel property was at a peak in returning dividends to Mino Se. With that mind, the Hotel Investment Group Green Bay, LLC began searching for a buyer."

On July 11, 2013, Schulte Hospitality Group, Inc. finalized their purchase of the Green Bay hotel. The sale price was approximately \$12.5 million. After the payment of all vendors, employees and mortgage obligations, Mino Se received approximately \$2.6 million. An additional \$110,000 is expected no later than May 2014 if all of the sale requirements are met.

The Tribal Council supported the sale of the program. To insure the public's voice is heard when it comes to the use of the proceeds of the sale, Henry "Butch" St. Germaine introduced Resolutions 230(13) and 213(13), which requires the Council to hold a public referendum to determine how the funds will be used.

Notice of the referendum will be announced as soon as the election date has been decided.

Ojibwe Language and Culture Session



Students participated in the Ojibwe Language and Culture Session hosted by the LdF Youth Center. Students made etched birch medallions under instructors Wayne Valliere, Leon Boycee Valliere and Greg Johnson. The kids learned about harvesting the winter bark as well as the language used for the construction of this old style of work.

Getting to the Know the Council – Mary Peterson

Inwewin had the opportunity to meet with Council Member Mary Peterson to discuss her service to the Tribe. Mary currently serves as the Treasurer, and is very matter-of-fact about her approach to managing Tribal enterprises as for-profit businesses. “It is my fiduciary responsibility to watch over the Tribe’s funds and to be sure the funds are used efficiently and effectively. I take this responsibility very seriously.”

Mary’s full time job is as Finance Officer for the Chippewa Housing Authority (CHA). She talked candidly about the CHA and the Tribe’s recent State of Emergency. “The CHA has a drug policy, and if you’re dealing, you will lose your place to live. If you are convicted of drug possession, there are opportunities for rehabilitation and counseling. The Council is committing \$1.5 million for treatment and assistance. We want a safe and healthy environment for Tribal Members,” Mary said. “I acknowledge that the CHA is intrusive. It’s because we have to be – there are rules and regulations that we have to follow.”

Mary is serving her second term on the Council. Her first term was from 2000 to 2002. “I ran again because I wanted to see change. I was concerned about a variety of things including the bond issue. Now I’m



focused on health and safety issues. My priority is about protecting and honoring our culture.” When asked what people may not know about her, Mary replied, “I’m the biggest non-politician there is. What is right is right. What is wrong is wrong. I’m concerned about the future of our Member’s health. I’m focused on our businesses becoming self-sustaining. Many people don’t realize that as a Tribal Council Member, I have to look at the big picture. What’s at the end of the

line? How do we reach without shooting ourselves in the foot?” Mary has a history of serving the Tribe. Her commitment to people with disabilities runs deep. She is the parent of a disabled daughter, and has been active with special education laws and served on state committees for children with disabilities. She has assisted many Tribal Members with navigating the system to gain assistance, and remains passionate in her role to help her community.

Getting to the Know the Council – Brooks BigJohn

Inwewin had the opportunity to meet with Council Member Brooks BigJohn to discuss his involvement in the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance (MTAG) program through the University of Minnesota Duluth. Joining Brooks in the MTAG program is Jeaninne Bruguier, Tribal Administrator, and Jeanne Wolfe, Human Resources Program Manager.

“The program reached out to Indian County to find out our needs and issues and put together a program,” said Brooks. “This program helps me to do what I do for the Tribe much better now. It’s important because we want to teach our younger members to rebuild our nation, to have a non-political courtroom, to have constitutional reform, and to insure a separation of powers,” he continued.

Jeanne Wolfe shared, “It gives me a sense of hope for Indian Country. Our instructors keep saying there is a movement to train people on how to handle our own affairs in an ethical manner without mixing business and politics. This program is sending the seeds out for communities to do this.” Jeaninne Bruguier said, “This relates to what we do in our jobs. It helps to sit and talk about tribal issues with other tribal people. It’s very uplifting to talk with others who have struggled,



looked past it and have had positive change.”

Brooks has been a member of the Tribal Council for more than 10 years, and served half a term as Tribal Chair. “I believe it’s important to be transparent, honest, receptive, and to treat people fairly.” He has a history of making education a priority. “I’m never too old to finish my Masters, and possibly a Doctorate,” he continued. He has a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Business Administration. He talked about his track record and leadership on behalf of the Tribe. “I’ve been active in economic development and with several youth programs. I’m a strong supporter of education, and have been active with curriculum development. For the past 15 or more years, I’ve been active with the baseball program. I am not afraid to speak up for Lac du Flambeau, and am always pushing for LdF.”

When asked why the

MTAG program is important for the Tribe, and should be shared with future participants, Brooks replied, “This will enhance the legitimacy of Indian Country, and will put educated people into our workforce. The program allows me to implement the things I learn in class into my everyday work. More people need to get involved, and come back to work for the Tribe. I’m furthering my education, and my Tribe will benefit. We need to continue to promote our kids, stay focused on our constitutional reform, and rebuild our nation,” Brooks continued.

Every third weekend, Brooks, Jeaninne and Jeanne travel to Duluth. The remaining coursework is done online. For more information about the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance (MTAG) program through the University of Minnesota Duluth, visit the website at www.d.umn.edu/grad/graduate-programs-MTAG.php.

New construction company being developed by LDF-BDC

The Lac du Flambeau-Business Development Corporation has taken action to develop a construction company that will compete for projects both locally and regionally in the commercial, industrial and residential marketplace. With the legal filing done the Tribe, by way of the LDF-BDC, will operate as LDF Construction LLC. The company is a wholly

owned subsidiary of the LDF-BDC. William Beson Jr., whom has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of the construction industry, has been named President of the company, and will manage the day-to-day operations. Beson served as Board President during the BDC’s formation stages. His previous experience includes the Vice President and Chief

Operating Officer of Great Lakes Contracting, Inc., which was involved in large scale commercial and industrial projects including Miller Park, Milwaukee Art Museum, Midwest Express Center, General Mitchell International Airport, Potawatomi Bingo and Casino and the Oak Creek Power Plant. According to Beson, LDF Construction will strive to provide

the best value, quality and service in the construction industry and will maintain a consistent focus on profitability, growth and sustainability.

The company intends to provide family-supporting career opportunities to ready, willing and able Tribal Members as well as providing subcontracting opportunities to capable, individually-owned, Tribal

contractors to the greatest extent possible. The company will maintain a drug-free workforce and will insist that all subcontractors and employees be drug-free. The immediate plan calls for the company to begin renovations and remodeling of three homes that the Tribe owns. The company is currently in discussions with the Chippewa Housing Authority

regarding the possibility of performing overflow work when needed and will pursue all of the Tribe’s other capital improvement projects as well.

The company officially began work Monday, August 19. Applications are being accepted and can be picked up at BDC satellite office located at Internet Lending Call Center in the Gikendaasowin Education Center.

Historic Preservation Update

Boozhoo! The Lac du Flambeau Tribal Historic Preservation Office would like to take a few moments to update Tribal Members on a couple of projects our program is spearheading – A Legacy of Survival: BIA Boys Dormitory Interpretive Center and A Legacy of Survival: A Walk in the Footsteps of our Elders. A Legacy of Survival: BIA Boys Dormitory Interpretive Center 20 years in the making, the restoration of the Boys Dormitory – one of a few remaining visible reminders of the government boarding school era – has garnered national recognition for the Lac du Flambeau Tribe and has led to the Tribe receiving designation as a Preserve America Community.

The building will be open to the public and will house the Tribal Historic Preservation and Ojibwe Language programs. Once complete the building will also contain a museum and interpretive exhibits, archival storage and community education space. Future plans include the creation of a nationwide curriculum telling the story of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Boarding School era and



its devastating impact on this country's American Indian people - a story you will not find in American history books. Interior construction started in July 2013 with an anticipated completion of December 2013. A grand opening for the public is slated for Spring 2014.

A Legacy of Survival: A Walk in the Footsteps of our Elders

This is a community in-

terpretive plan created in 2008 as part of a long-term management plan for the preservation and interpretation of the BIA Government Boarding School Complex, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The plan includes elements of promoting and enhancing heritage tourism, general education, youth and elder engagement in preservation, and installation of exhibits

and signage throughout the Boarding School Complex corridor. This project complements the efforts of the restoration and rehabilitation of the Boys Dormitory.

The five primary objectives contained within the plan are: 1) create the Dormitory Life exhibit and exhibition hall within the BIA Boys Dormitory building; 2) develop and install signage at seven heritage sites within the

BIA Boarding School corridor; 3) develop a self-guided walking/biking/driving tour brochure to accompany the seven heritage sites; 4) engage tribal youth directly in the development of interpretive, marketing and preservation materials and instill a preservation ethic among the youth of the area through the development of a poster series, DVD and mural project focusing on the

theme "History Through My Eyes;" and 5) create A Legacy of Survival website to provide access to historic information, promote heritage tourism resources, report on project activities and success, list local community historic preservation events, and showcase the youth "History Through My Eyes" products.

We rely heavily on community input and participation, so we will be hosting several open houses and focus groups in the next several months. We held our first Open House for the signage of the seven heritage sites on Monday, August 12. Although we had a modest turnout of community members, we received much positive feedback which will be incorporated into the design plan of these signs. We will be hosting another Open House in early September. We welcome all community members to join us and share your stories and ideas about these important places.

If you wish to have more information about either of these projects, please feel free to contact our office at (715) 588-2139 or email us at ldfthpo@ldftribe.com. Miigwetch!

Manoominikewin omaa Waaswaaganing Wildrice Harvest here at Lac du Flambeau

Boozhoo Anishinaabedog! Manoominike-Giizis dash maajitaayaang wayiiba da manoominikeyaang omaa Waaswaaganing. Greetings! It's now August so we will soon be starting to harvest Wildrice here in Lac du Flambeau.

Mii yo'o gaa ezhitchige-waad aawinzha, geyaabi dash aaniind manoominikewag noongom. This is what they did long ago, and still yet today some continue to make wildrice.

Gaawiingwetchetemasinooon i'iw anishinaabe manoomin, biinjayi'ii ishkoniganing noongom. There is an insufficient amount of wildrice within the reservation today.



Geyaabi etemagad iwidi keyaa Makwa Ziibing. It's still there on the Bear River.

Awas'ayi'ii ishkoniganing izhaawag noongom, niibowa menoominiked-

jig da manoominikewag. Many rice harvesters go off-reservation today to make rice.

"Apane manaajitoon i'iw," mii yo'o gaa ikidowaad, agiw gikend-

aasodjig. "Always respect it," is what the knowledgeable ones said. Giishpin weweni ganwenjigaadeg apane da ayaamagad niigaan gakeyaa. If it's appro-

priately cared for, it will always be there in the future.

Mii iw'apii giizhiging, gi daa bawa'am. When it's ripe, you should harvest it. Aabajitoonan gi jiimaan, gi bawa'iganaatigoon, minawaa gi gaandakii'iganaak.

Use your canoe, your knocking sticks and your push pole.

Booch igo, aabaji'aa gid asemaa dibwaa maajitayan, minawaa dibwaa ani giweyan. Indeed use your tobacco before you begin, and once again before you go on home. Baasa'an i'iw weweni. Dry it carefully. Weweni gidasigen i'iw anishinaabe manoomin. Parch the rice nicely. Kego jaa-

gizanken! Don't burn it! Nahaw, mimigoshkam, minawaa nooshkaachigen. O.K., jig the rice and fan it.

Weweni biinitoon i'iw dibwaa gid atoon ningoji. Clean it up nicely before you store it.

Gibaatoon i'iw anishinaabe manoomin. Boil the wildrice. Wiisinin! Eat! Dibishkoo gaa inanjigewaad gete anishinaabeg, mii yo'o anishinaabe manoomin geyaabi chi epitendaagwad. Just as they ate long ago, our ancestors, this wildrice is still highly valued. Manidoo minigowin yo'o manoomin. This rice is a spiritual gift to us all.

Meeting held on Shullsburg project

The Bureau of Indian Affairs held a public comment and informational session on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Shullsburg High School in Shullsburg, Wis. The meeting is required as part of the Environmental

Impact Statement (EIS) process for the proposed gaming and entertainment complex to be built and operated in Shullsburg by the Lac du Flambeau Tribe. Approximately 150 people turned out to listen

and comment about the proposed development. The forum lasted about 90 minutes. Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Environmental Specialist Scott Doig explained the BIA's role in the process, noting

that the purpose of the session was to gather information that would identify potential issues, alternatives to the proposed project, and other content for inclusion in the EIS. The EIS is part of a larger

Fee-to-Trust application that would need approval from state and federal officials in order for the tribe to proceed with plans for the off-reservation casino project.

An earlier referendum held by the city indicated 87% of the voters approved placing 93 acres of city land into trust status for the casino development. The town has gone through tough times recently and many in the crowd were not shy in sharing their stories. "Our town has been in a recession for a long time now, things have gone backwards here," said Lafayette County Board Chair Jack Sauer. "My concern is jobs, they are essential for survival. Take a look back for a moment; we've lost half of our student population since 1965. When I was in high school we had a movie theater and seven car dealerships. Now we have no theater and just one car lot," Sauer said frankly.

Located in Lafayette County, Benton Village looks to benefit from the added employment opportunities the casino would bring. Benton Village President, Gary McCrea spoke in support of the proposal by saying, "Should this come to reality, this project will be the best thing to ever happen to this community."

An overwhelming majority of those in attendance voiced their support for the Tribe and city's efforts to bring a major gaming-entertainment center to the community, and support of the Tribe's proposal from government officials was evident at the meeting. Shullsburg Mayor Tom Lethlean, who has offered his continued support of the tribe's efforts to move the project forward said, "Our responsibility is to bring a better quality of life to our residents. We need to think progressively if we are to ever realize our potential as a community." Howard Marklein, Representative of the Wisconsin State Assembly's 51st District also weighed in on the is-

sue saying, "This will offer good paying jobs to the entire area." Senator Dale Shultz of Richland Center went so far as to say, "I can say the local government has worked hard to build a good team for this project. I will do whatever necessary to make this happen." A Lac du Flambeau Tribal contingency made up of the Shullsburg Off-Reservation Gaming Workgroup and Tribal President Tom Maulson along with Tribal Council Members Ruben Santiesteban, Gus Theobald, Frank Mitchell, Brooks BigJohn and Mike Allen attended the public comment session and met with local and regional government officials after the meeting. Many local community members and residents expressed their gratitude and willingness to work with the Tribe to make the plans come to fruition.

On Friday, the Shullsburg Workgroup, the Chairman and Council Members and Shullsburg City Officials met to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the parameters of the relationship and responsibilities of both parties in moving the project along. The gaming complex proposes to employ over 600 people in this town of just over 1,200 residents. Aside from the impact that the facility will provide to the local and regional economies, it will also provide much needed revenue to the Tribe for economic development, health care, education, housing, social services and community facilities.

The proposed development includes a casino, several restaurants, a retail center, an entertainment venue, convention center, sports club, a 300 room hotel, a 100pad recreational vehicle park, youth non-gaming center, cultural resource center and a parking area capable of supporting 1,500 vehicles. Plans also call for office space for casino and tribal administration, regulatory staff, and human resources/ employee services.

Ceremony remembers victims of Sandy Lake tragedy

On Wednesday, July 31, 2013, GLIFWC hosted its annual Mikwendagooziwag (They Are Remembered) Ceremony at the site of the Sandy Lake tragedy, now known as the Army Corps of Engineers (ACoE) Recreational Site. The day began with a paddle across Sandy Lake to the site of the tragedy. Following a feast, a ceremony took place next to the Mikwendagooziwag memorial monument.

All was done in remembrance of the Ojibwe ancestors who suffered and perished at the site or on their way home after having been forced to travel great distances to Sandy Lake for their promised annuity payments.

Tribal representatives and members from across Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin gathered to honor the victims of the 1850 tragedy. Many pipe carriers brought their bundles to signify the spiritual



Tribal Council Members attend the Mikwendagooziwag Ceremony.

significance of the day's events.

GLIFWC was honored to have members of the Elder Advisory Committee for the language program attend this year's ceremonies. They were recognized for their many contributions to-

ward the completion of a new Ojibwemowin book, Dibaajimowinan: Anishinaabe Stories of Culture and Respect.

The Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council led a contingency of Tribal Members and Descendants in attending the ceremonies.

"Attending the Sandy Lake Ceremonies was very important in that it was a show of solidarity among all the Ojibwe People. We need to support one another. It's just the right thing to do," said Tribal Council Member Ruben Santiesteban.



Tribal Members and Descendants attend the Mikwendagooziwag Ceremony.

**** NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION ****

NOTICE is hereby given that the Primary Election will be held in the Town of Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, on **Tuesday, September 3, 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.

The Tribal Code, Chapter 11.112(1), states: (1) A primary election shall be held in the event that more than eight (8) candidates are nominated for the Tribal Council seats or more than two (2) candidates are nominated for any officer position. If a primary election is necessary for any position, it shall be held for all positions." The following candidates will appear on the Official Ballot:

SECRETARY: Jamie Armstrong
Victoria A. Doud
Juanita Thompson
Jerome (Brooks) BigJohn, Jr.
Nicole Chapman-Reynolds

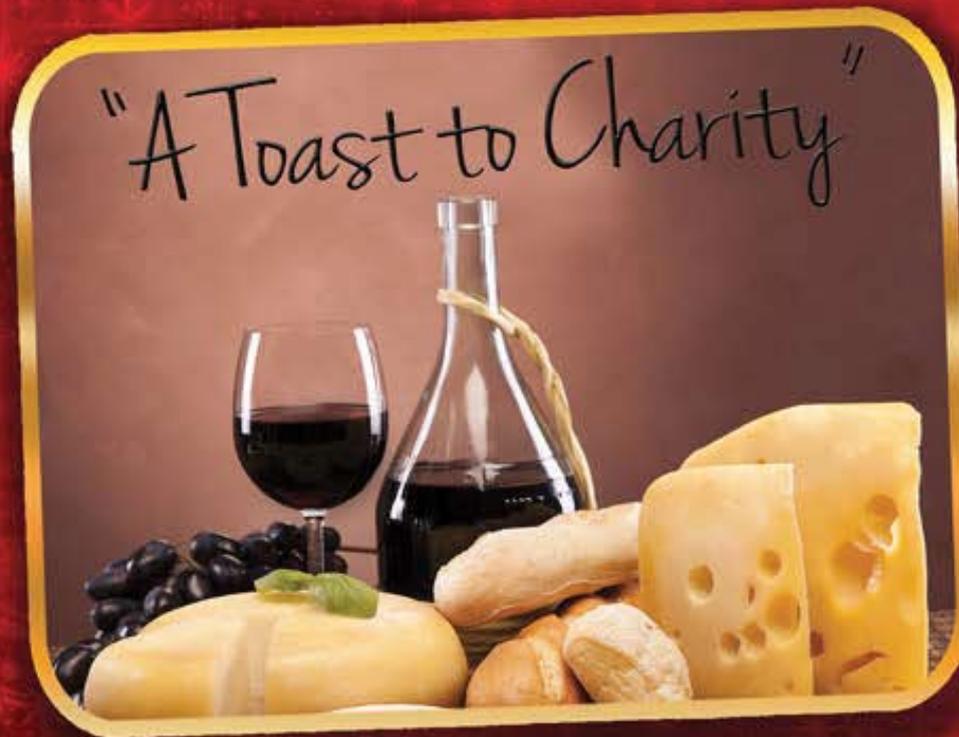
TREASURER: Barry LeSieur
Mary F. Peterson

COUNCIL MEMBER:

Terry "Fred" Allen	John R. LaBarge Jr.	Vincent St. Germaine
Eric Chapman Sr.	Neil C. Peterson	George W. Thompson
Gilbert L. Chapman	Paula Poupart	Sharon A. Thompson
Jacob John Edwards	Robert Mark Poupart	Joseph G. Wildcat Sr.
Betty Jo Graveen	Elmer Rising Sun	Jeanne M. Wolfe
Betty J. Jack	Ronda J. Snow	Vivian "Luci" Wolfe
Kenneth L. Jack Jr.	Alice K. Soulier	Melinda J. Young
Richard E. Jack Jr.	Henry "Butch" St. Germaine Sr.	Racquel Zortman-Bell
Arthur LaBarge	Louis St. Germaine (Lil. Guy)	
Jerome A. LaBarge Jr. (Booj)	Robert J. St. Germaine	

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Saturday, September 14, 2013
Downtown Lac du Flambeau, WI
9:00 to 3:00 pm

Event Schedule

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9:00 am	5K Walk/Run Registration
10:00 am	5K Walk/Run Begins
10:30 am	Registration for Games
10:45 am	~Egg Toss ~Hula Hoop ~ Pie Eating
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Games Begin
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Wild Rice Demonstrations
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Wild Rice and Fry Bread Food Judging
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Educational Displays
2:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest
“All Day Long”	Vendors/Crafters, food, shopping & trout pond

Any questions contact the Lac du Flambeau Chamber

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Casino earns recognition

Lake of the Torches Resort Casino received nine Romero recognitions, including the highly coveted Diamond Award, one Gold Award, one Silver Award and six Honorable Mentions, during the 2013 Casino Marketing Conference held July 23 - 25 at the Paris Resort in Las Vegas. The conference is co-produced by Raving Consulting and BNP Media.

The Romero Awards honor the most significant achievements in casino marketing and promotions in the gaming industry in North America and abroad during the previous year. The awards are given to top gaming venues for their innovation, creativity, originality and implementation of their marketing strategies during the previous year. They are named after John Romero, a casino marketing pioneer and author, and are considered the standard for excellence in casino marketing.

“The Romero Awards are a very prestigious recognition of the best innovations in casino marketing and we are once again honored to receive such praise from our peers in the gaming industry,” said Lake of the Torches Chief Executive Officer Bill Guelcher. “I congratulate our entire team at Lake of the Torches Resort Casino for their hard work and dedication in planning and executing innovative promotions that enhance our guests experience here at Lake of the Torches Resort Casino.”

Romero Award winners are selected by a panel of expert judges which is chaired by John Romero. Judging criteria for the awards included marketing or promotion concepts; strategic rationale and execution; casino revenue and other measurable results; the competitive advantage provided to the casino and the relationship of the promotion to the casino’s customers and to the community.

Lake of the Torches Resort Casino received the following awards:

Diamond Award, Direct Mail Marketing: Bingo Appreciation Day.

Gold Award, VIP Promotion: Grand Slam VIP Appreciation.

Silver Award, Electronic Mar-

keting: Mayan Calendar Free Play E-mail Blast.

Honorable Mention, Casino Floor Promotion: 12-12-12 Giveaway.

Honorable Mention, Casino Floor Promotion: Race Into Winning.

Honorable Mention, Community Relations: Warm Up to Winning.

Honorable Mention, Community Relations: Carry the Torch Classic.

Honorable Mention, Direct Mail Marketing: Spring Break Bonus.

Honorable Mention, Electronic Marketing: Fat Tuesday E-mail Blast.

Lake of the Torches Resort Casino has accumulated six diamond awards, 11 gold awards, 11 silver awards and 24 honorable mentions for the promotions the casino produced and executed in the past eight years.

“It’s such a special honor to receive these Romero awards, especially the Diamond award which is highly regarded in casino marketing,” said Director of Marketing Leana Schlecht. “Our team works hard every day to create and deliver the most exciting and interactive promotions for our guests to enjoy here at Lake of the Torches Resort Casino.”

Situated on the shores of Pokegama Lake and nestled in Wisconsin’s Northwoods, the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino has a feel of a classic Northern retreat and reflects its Ojibwe culture and heritage. The casino has over 800 slot machines (including a non-smoking area), seven blackjack tables, a three-card poker table and three Texas Hold’Em poker tables along with Roulette and Craps tables, a high-stakes Bingo Hall seating up to 500 persons, the Woody’s Bar and Grill and the Eagle’s Nest Restaurant. The hotel has 101 well-appointed rooms, the Dancing Waters Lounge and the Woodlands Oasis pool area. The 8,500 square-foot Convention Center with the Hall of Nations offers an outstanding venue for entertainment, receptions, trade shows, meetings, presentations and seminars.

More information on upcoming events at Lake of the Torches is available at

www.lakeofthetorches.com.