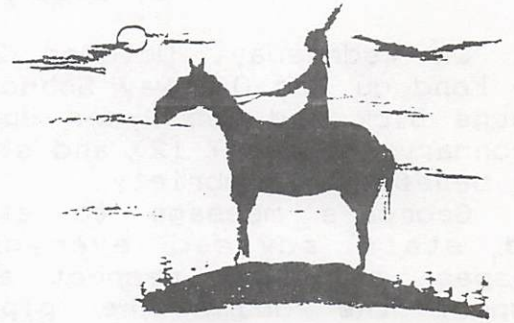


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FDL Celebrates Homecoming; Mel And Jamie Reign

By Lisa Fox

Homecoming week wrapped up with a dance Friday night during which our new king and queen were crowned. A crowd of over 50 danced to the music of the KZIO/Show-pro. Then cameras flashed and lights turn on as the royalty were crowned. The 1990 Homecoming king is Jamie Couture and the queen is Mel Diver. Princess is Julie Reynolds and prince is Jeremy Hovis. Nikki Reynolds, who was runner-up for queen, filled in for the absent Mel.

Homecoming week kicked off with Slave Day and a first hour slave auction. Eric Berglund gained high price honors as he was sold for \$7.00 to Cheryl Brigan. Other slaves and their sales prices were: Azhibik Aubid, \$4; Chris Ojibway, \$3; Missy Diver, \$3.50; Kim Bellinger, \$3; John Aubid, \$3.25; Richelle Mullen, \$4; Nikki Reynolds, \$6; Chandra Mullen, \$4; Mel Diver, \$4; Dave Gitzen, \$3; Shannon Mullen, \$2.50; Angel Suttan, \$2; Toni Fox, \$2; John Martin, \$4; Lisa Fox, \$4; Jamie Couture, \$4.

On Wednesday, the student council sponsored a basketball tournament which was won by the juniors. The juniors, featuring Mel, Shannon, Angel, Dave, Ken, John, and Kris, easily defeated the 8th grade in first round action. Also in the first round, the 7th grade upset the 10th grade and the seniors defeated the 9th grade. The juniors then trounced the 7th grade to advance to the championship against the seniors. The speed and

passing of the juniors soon had the seniors gasping for breath, and the juniors won easily.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to outdoor activities. Grades 7-12 went to Hilltop park where they played softball, football, and other activities.

On Friday morning, the juniors decorated the gym while the other classes were treated to the movie Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

A pep-fest was held Friday afternoon which featured a seemingly endless series of free-throw contests which resulted in the losers getting hit with pies. The football and volleyball teams were introduced and the cheerleaders did some cheers.

After the final football game of the year, the dance was held in the gym.



(Jamie and Mel wear their crowns as King and Queen).

Students Learn Respect

by Lisa Fox

On Wednesday, October 24, at the Fond du Lac Ojibway School gym, George Dick and Ben Ryder spoke to secondary (grades 7-12) and staff on the benefits of sobriety.

George's message to students and staff advised everyone to "respect children, respect elders, respect the drum, the pipe and tobacco, and most important listen to people."

George also spoke on the powers of "tobacco, believing, praying, and singing." George has brought his message to the Arrowhead Junior Center, Woodland Hills, and the Fond du Lac Youth Home. He insists that young and old people alike must learn to respect, respect is the key to a meaningful life.

George and Ben opened the gathering with the pipe ceremony. Erik Gahbow, an eighth grade student at the Ojibway School, joined George and Ben and together they performed a series of dances, including an honor dance. Students and staff joined in when the drum performed the 49ers dance.

George also spoke to the elementary grades, and he told them to learn to respect everything in their lives. We could all grow a bit more wiser and stronger if we take George's advice: Learn Respect! Megwitch.



The Overlooked

by Keith Levinski

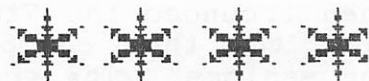
Every Monday morning at 7:20 the Fond du Lac School news is read live on the air on WKLK by Richelle Mullen. The reports are developed by Mike Rabideaux. The five minute news broadcasts cover interesting tidbits of information about our school. The coverage produces good, positive public relations for our school. We thank Mike and Richelle for their efforts and if you're near a radio Monday mornings at about 7:20, turn on WKLK and hear what it's about.

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By the time you read this, the gym floor will have received a new coat of wax. That is, of course, if things went according to plan. Some coaches, Phil, and Jean Mulder met a couple weeks ago and discussed the situation. Anyone who uses the gym knows the poor shape of the floor. According to Phil, the floor has never been resurfaced. The coaches were concerned for the safety of the athletes and for the persons in the gym classes. Joe and Dick did the legwork of checking at Carlton High School to see what it would cost. (Carlton is having its floor resurfaced due to the heavy rains we had this fall.) Thanks to all who put in their time and effort, and to the RBC for helping with the costs. Now let's all work to keep the floor in good shape.

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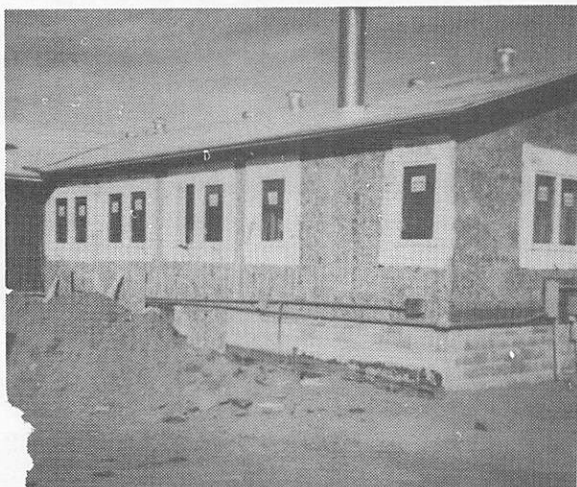
The elementary teachers certainly must have had their hands full with the Halloween activities. The costumes worn by the tiny (and not so tiny) people were remarkable and quite creative. Congrats to those involved.



Taking Time To Tutor

by Toni Fox

This year as well as last year we are trying a new program involving nine tutors from the Fond du Lac Collge who are coming here to our school to participate as tutors for our elementary students. Last spring this program was started but didn't get that much of a chance to work. The nine people who are coming here to be tutors are still students in the Fond du Lac College and needed the experience of helping the Native Americans in their own surroundings. They tutor one to two students at a time in any subject in which they need help. As of right now the tutors are scheduled to do certain hours on numerous days when their schedule permits. Each tutor works with students 2 hours a week. Right now the tutors are observing the students to get to know them before they start the actual tutoring. They will be tutoring grades K-6. So far you can look for these people who will be tutors from the college; Liz La Prairie, Joel Longie, (who is also the college director) Agnes Davis, Napoleon Ross, Daryold Blacketter, Dawn Suttan, Dale Greene, and Holly Pellerin. A special welcome to all of the tutors who will be helping out the children this year!



It's Hammer Time!

Drills buzzing and hammers hammering are the sounds we encounter as we enter our school doorways. Are they torturing students behind those plastic doorways? Far from it!! (I hope. Is anyone missing from your class?)

In reality, as most of us know, a construction crew is working to bring the north building attachment up to code. The actual construction began on October 7, 1990. Dan Anderson and Tom Peacock are making sure the plans to bring the building up to code are completed.

Many other people are also helping to get things moving on the building repairs. An architectural and engineering company, Larson, Harvala, and Berquist, was called in for the use of their expertise. They completed a study done to tell us whether we had any other options and how much it would cost us. They also completed the drawings of the building and showed where things need to be repaired. This plan acts as a guide line for the construction workers so they have something to follow while they work.

The building repairs are being completed in three steps. The first step is insulating the perimeter of the building barrier to prevent frosting on the foundation's walks and footings. This first step has been completed. The second step is to reinforce the roof with trusses. The third and final step in the building repairs is to replace beams and columns to support the upper levels. It is hoped the three steps will be completed by December 1. The teachers who are in the portable classrooms will be delighted when the north building is finally finished. Will it be finished in time?





3rd and 4th Grades Send Letters Overseas

by Opitchee Aubid

The 3 & 4 grade classes have recently written letters to servicemen in Saudi Arabia. The letters, which are to be hand delivered by staff Sergeant Gary Lee Dahl, were a way to improve the children's writing ability. Sergeant Dahl leaves for duty on November 11. The classes are also studying Middle East countries.



EDITORIAL

by Toni Fox

As we all know our homecoming week was a lot of fun, hardly any homework, and lots of games and even a dance! Why can't every week be like that one? One complaint might be the student council, who worked hard to plan the great dress-up days, didn't even dress-up to encourage them. Students became discouraged and didn't even try to dress-up the rest of the week because no one made the effort on Monday. But with each day there was an air of enthusiasm for the coming Basketball and Volleyball games at the end of the week. The students enjoyed the games and most every one participated. It was a great week for everyone!

This week as everyone knows report cards will be getting into the hands of all the parents out there and for some students it will mean a time for- DEATH! But then again nobody is perfect, right? Of course there are those students who will be getting straight A's without even an effort! How envious some people will be. Make a prediction, what will your report card be like?

Letter To The Editor

To the Fond du Lac School News:

In the last issue there was a commentary and opinions printed about the new smoking rules. I would like to take this opportunity to express my point of view as invited by the writer.

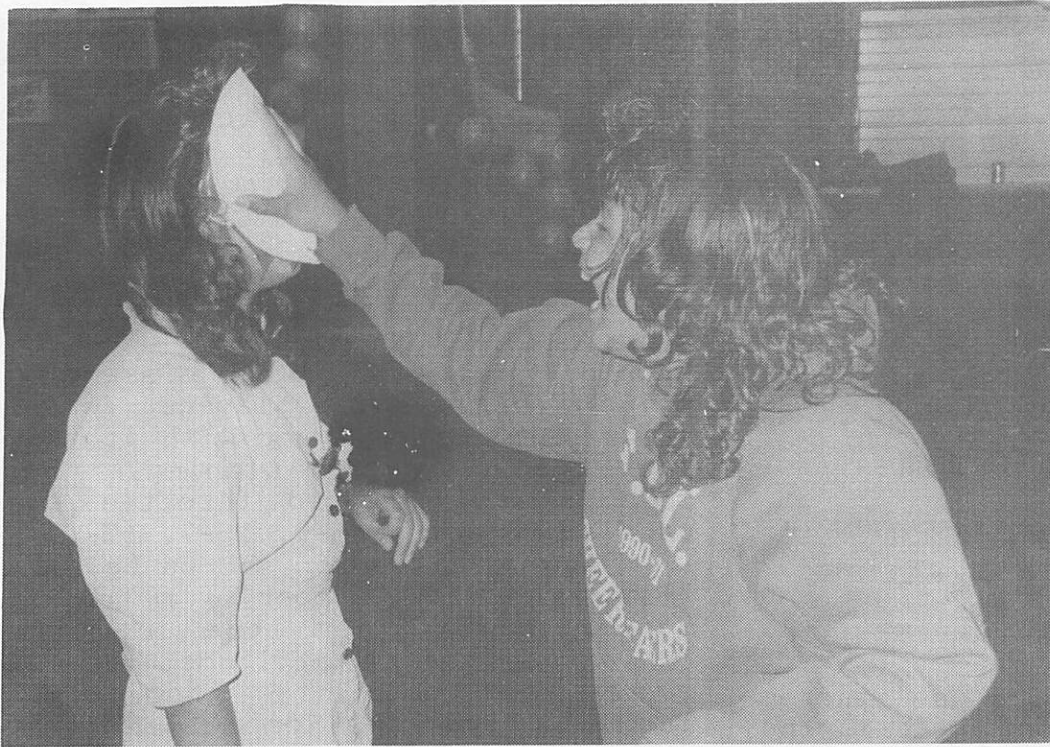
As a member of the disciplinary committee, I didn't sit up nights thinking of meaningless rules I could recommend for the students at the Ojibway School. I agreed to impose stricter penalties for smoking at school because I care about the students at the school. I would never agree to penalize people for doing something that was healthy. This whole country is on a huge anti-smoking campaign; you see warnings and read about the dangers of smoking daily. This is because people are dying from smoking. Should we be any different here? Indians have enough health problems without compounding them by smoking.

We have to make every effort as concerned people to discourage smoking. If the students at the Ojibway school keep getting the message that it's not OK to smoke and are hassled when they do, they may quit before their health is damaged and they are addicted to cigarettes. If the younger kids get the message, they may never start. Most older smokers you see nowadays wish they had never started!

And think about it....who actually does benefit when you smoke?

Kathy "Bubbie" Peil

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Did you see me on Halloween?

Nikki Reynolds received punishment for losing a freethrow contest during the Homecoming pepfest. Brenda Diver defeated Nikki and got to do the honors.

AND THE WINNER IS...

by Opitchee Aubid

It seems people are always being awarded for their efforts or accomplishments. Magic Johnson wins the NBA Player of the Year Award. President Gorbachov of the Soviet Union won the Nobel Peace Prize. Randy Travis won Country Music's Male Vocalist of the Year Award. Well, it's time to recognize people right here at Fond du Lac for their unique abilities. The categories and accomplishments are not on par, perhaps, with other more prestigious awards, but nonetheless, these people deserve notice.

For Best Dressed Female we salute Angel Suttan for her unique style and her knowledge of the fashion industry.

The Best Dressed Male award belongs to Cheyenne Thompson with his trendy M.C. Hammer look.

The All-American Image award goes to Jamie Couture. His clean-cut appearance and his polite manners are known schoolwide.

For Weirdest Sense of Humor we name Mudd Houle as the winner. A brief discussion with him will prove our point. His name is a good indication.

The Loudest Laugh award goes to a duo, Angel Suttan and Opitchee Aubid. Anyone who eats last lunch has unfortunately witnessed their hyena laughs.

In the future we will list more award winners in more categories. However, WE NEED YOUR HELP. We need nominees. If you have a suggestion for who should win the following awards, please drop a note containing the category, the person's name, and a brief explanation for why they deserve the award in the red suggestion box located in the English room. The categories are: Messiest Eater, Biggest Male Flirt, Biggest Female Flirt, Shiest Person, Class Clown, Biggest Complainer, Most Easy Going, and Best Singer Male and Best Singer Female. If you can think of other categories and winners, we would like to see them also.

Volleyball Team Finishes Up and Down Season

The Ogichida volleyball team played inspired ball at times but was unable to maintain that level of play and finished with a 4-5 record.

The volleyball team traveled to Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school on October 2nd and won the opening game 15-11. Chandra served for five points, and excellent team play contributed to the victory.

But in game two, dissension struck. The FDL players forgot about being a team, and with it they lost the chance of winning. Bug School came back to throttle the rattled Ogichida 15-9, 15-7, 15-4.

The Ogichida focused on being a team in their October 4 match at Nay-Ah-Shing, and the results indicated their attitude. Mel served for points 6 through 15 including two aces for a 15-5 first game win. Becky served for five points with one ace in game two to lead FDL to a 15-10 win. Despite Angel serving for seven points in game three, the host team won 15-12. But the Ogichida responded positively in game four. Becky and Shannon had ace serves and Richelle had two as FDL rolled 15-2.

Red Lake showed up at the FDL gym on October 10 in a scheduling error, but probably wished they hadn't. The FDL girls played their best game of the year and pounded the Warriors 15-5, 15-0, 15-3.

FDL visited Wrenshall on October 16 and managed only one competitive game. Wrenshall served several long runs during the match and won easily 15-4, 15-10, 15-2.

In their final home game of the season, the Ogichida dropped a match to an aggressive White Earth team in straight games. The scores were 15-7, 15-12, 15-9.

The volleyball team lost its first round District game to a strong Grand Marais team. Although the FDL girls gave it their best shot, their inconsistent serving and their inability to handle the Viking serves proved to be their downfall. The closest game was game two, which FDL lost 15-8. The other games were 15-2 and 15-1.

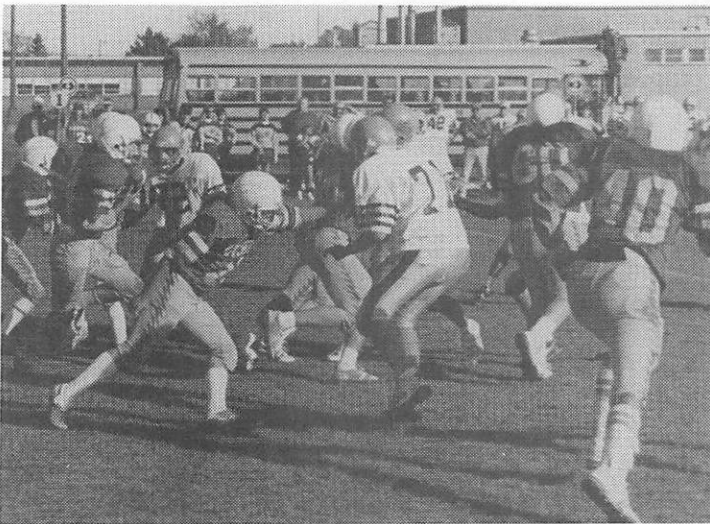


Erik Gahbow took his pie in the face graciously.

WOMEN'S GROUP

by Toni Fox

Yet another program was started this year at our school. It is the Women's Group which is coordinated by Kathy Peil. They meet every other week at a church down in Cloquet. Each time they go they have conversations on topics which normally would not be talked about in your house or even with a friend. The issues include sex, different types of abuse, alcohol, and abortion. There are many more topics which can be talked about also, the group topics are not limited. Everything that is said there stays there and no one is allowed to tell anyone outside of the group about something someone else has said. For instance if someone has a problem at home and it is serious and that person with the problem decides to tell the group, it would not be fair to go and tell the rest of the school about that person's particular problem. It might hurt someone very much if everyone knew about something that wouldn't be talked about in public. This group gives girls a chance to talk about things they wouldn't trust with anyone else. So far most of the girls here at school attend the group and look forward to going. All of the girls who go like going every other week and will probably attend the group all year long.



Spud Fairbanks tried to hold Tower's number 71 as Martin carried behind the Ogichida line.

B-Team Produces Winning Season

The volleyball B-Team finished the season with a 5-4 record. After losing their first two games, the B-Team put together an impressive five game winning streak.

At Bug School, Nikki Reynolds and Missy Diver served for six and nine points respectively for a 15-4 first game win. After losing game two 15-11, the Ogichida rebounded to win 15-4. Missy served for another seven points in the final game.

It took three close games to defeat Nay-Ah-Shing. Shawna LaPointe and Brenda Diver served especially well throughout the match and Kim Bellanger played an excellent third game to help FDL win 14-16, 15-13, 15-14.

A total team effort by Jodi, Brenda, Kim, Shawna, Nikki, and Cindy dominated Red Lake in a 15-13, 15-9 straight game win.

The B-Team then lost its final two games. After losing 15-4 in game one to Wrenshall, FDL fought back in game two only to lose 16-14. Jodi, Dawn, and Cindy recorded service aces in game two.

White Earth defeated FDL 15-12, 15-3 in the final game of the season.

The B-Team played well together for most of the season and should be proud of how well they played.



Basketball Preview

The basketball seasons will be underway soon. The girls' team returns all but two players, Lisa Northrup and Tara Defoe, from last year's 12-4 team. Coach Dale Sautbine looks forward to another excellent year but he knows it won't be easy. While the Ogichida girls have dominated other Indian schools in the last couple of years, they still need to earn the respect of the public schools. That will take a lot of teamwork. With Mel and Becky capable of high scoring games, with Shannon and Cindy able to control the inside game, and with Chandra and Richelle to add speed and defense, and several other players whom Coach Sautbine counts on to contribute, the Ogichida seem to have all the ingredients for success. So the one question remains: Can they play together as a team? If so, this could be another outstanding year. If not, major disappointment lies ahead come district time.

The boys' team won only three games last year but looked impressive in their district win over Silver Bay. Coach Levinski hopes to use that win as a springboard for the upcoming season. Although the team lost four seniors from a year ago, Coach Levinski expects a better record. Sophomore Peter Diver and junior David Gitzen saw lots of playing time last year and will be counted on to take some scoring pressure off junior standout Ken Morrin. Younger players like Ira Aubid, Cheyenne Thompson, Chad Morrin, and John Aubid could be asked to fill in. It is also hoped that people who did not play last year will play this year. There is a lot of talent in this school. If the boys can dedicate themselves to basketball, this season could provide many disappointments for FDL opponents.

Football Season Ends With A Look To The Future

by Joe Curran

The 1990 football season wrapped up its final four games on October 12. First was Wrenshall. The field was in very poor condition. It had just rained that entire week. In fact, nearby Carlton High School suffered water damage to their gym floor. Needless to say, the field much resembled a swimming pool! We seemed to be unable to get on track as Wrenshall dominated us from start to finish.

The next week Cromwell came to town. We played very well against them, shutting down their offensive attack and forcing them to punt several times. Our offense looked tough although we failed to put the necessary points on the board when we needed to.

The next game was at Floodwood. This was going to be a good game. The players were excited, the coaches were excited, and we even had a large following of fans there to support us. Right before half we took the lead... or so I thought. Ira Aubid ran 60 yards on what would have been the go ahead touchdown, only to be called back because of a personal foul on one of our linemen. This proved to be a very costly penalty because not only did the touchdown not count, but now we were ten yards farther back than before. Well, we never quite rebounded from that, and Floodwood's homecoming enthusiasm was too much for us to overcome.

Key injuries to quarterback Peter Diver and linebacker Eric Berglund left us with young players to fill their positions. We ended the season hosting Tower-Soudan. Tower, a powerful playoff caliber team, came ready to play. I think we were still hurting from the effects of Peter being sidelined with his knee injury. That gave Cheyenne Thompson his first taste at the captain position. They did a really nice job throwing passes to

John Martin, Ira Aubid, Spud Fairbanks, and Andy Deverney. The game went in favor of Tower, however, and our season was over.

At this point I can look at the team and the quality young athletes coming up in the program. We CAN win games at FDL, but it must start from the ground up. We need equipment: blocking sleds, dummies, a decent weight room, a home field with a score clock, and a good surface to play on. I am so happy Dr. Peacock is taking such an interest in our program. If you look at our field and see that construction, that is our eagle's nest, a booth to film games. Dr. Peacock built that literally with his own hands. I am so happy that he backs athletics. As the years go on, his influence will improve the quality and safety of sports here at FDL. Wait until next year!



John Martin carried for a big gain against Tower Soudan.

Take it for granted that the greater your achievement the more genuine will be the surprise of your friends and neighbors -- Joseph Farrell