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Band Members Reelect Incumbents



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Herbert Weyaus
Mish-She-She-Geishig
Secretary/Treasurer

On June 11, Mille Lacs Band members reelected incumbents for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and District II and III Representatives.

Secretary/Treasurer Herb Weyaus

Herb Weyaus was elected to a second four-year term as Secretary/Treasurer, the official who presides over the four-member Band Assembly. Herb defeated Sheldon Boyd, the Band's Commissioner of Administration. Herb and Sheldon were the top vote-getters in a five-way primary election in April.

Herb said the three biggest problems facing the Band today are a shortage of housing, reservation boundary issues, and the threat of a state-owned casino. As Secretary/Treasurer, Herb said, "My priority has always been, continues to be, and



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Marvin Ray Bruneau
Ogimabinace
District II Representative

always will be watching out for the best interest of all Band members in all Band affairs."

District II Representative Marvin Bruneau

Band members in the Isle and McGregor areas reelected Marvin Bruneau as District II Representative. Marvin was challenged by Thomas Benjamin.

Marvin said his experience gained by "twelve years of holding public office in an ever-changing tribal community," help him meet the requirements of the District Representative Office. He said, "I am committed to being fair and honest to all members of the Band."

District III Representative Harry Davis

In the Hinckley area,



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Harry Davis
Shauwiin
District III Representative

voters reelected Harry Davis as Representative from District III over challenger Diane Gibbs.

Harry said the role of the District Representative is "to represent the interests of the people of their district, make sure the money spent on programs is used wisely and efficiently, and listen to the Band members and ask the Great Spirit for guidance on how to help them." Harry added, "I did the best I could for the past four years and will do my best again."

Swearing-in Ceremony

The ceremony to swear in Herb, Marvin and Harry will be Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. in the Band Assembly chambers at the government center. All Band members are invited to attend.

Tribal Judge to Chair Federal Court Committee

James M. Rosenbaum, Chief Judge of the Federal Courts in Minnesota, has asked Mille Lacs Band District Court Judge Paul W. Day to head a committee to interview applicants for a U.S. Magistrate Judge, who will handle federal court matters in northern Minnesota.

"It's an honor to be asked, but more importantly, I think the appointment demonstrates the respect that the federal courts have for the Mille Lacs Band's tribal court," said Judge Day. "The Band has made good progress in implementing a court system that provides justice for Band members and non-Band members. Band members have a right to be proud of their courts."

Judge Day has handled more than a thousand cases since he became a tribal judge last year. He is also working with the Tribal Court/State Court Committee to convince the Minnesota Supreme Court to adopt a rule that requires state courts to give full faith and credit to tribal court orders.



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A Work in Progress: The Elder Supplemental Income Program

by Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin

When I was the Commissioner of Administration in 1996, I remember talking with an Elder who said the retirement income she received only allowed her to pay her bills every other month. I visited with many other Elders who had a similar problem making ends meet, and I knew something had to be done for a generation that had worked so hard their entire lives. So I went to the planning table with other Mille Lacs Band officials to come up with a way we could ease the financial burden on our Elders.

More than a year was spent researching the legality and planning the benefit components of a program that would give new financial benefits to Elders without lessening the benefits they receive from other retirement or pension programs.

Unfortunately, this program was delayed until I became Chief Executive in 2000. The Band Assembly and I still firmly believed in

the importance of the program, so we returned to the planning table to make sure the research we had done several years ago still applied.

The Band Assembly passed a bill creating the Elder Supplemental Income Program a few months ago. With the help of Benefit Issuance Director Cindy Fairchild, I made amendments to the bill to help ensure that the program would add to – rather than replace – the benefits our Elders already receive from state and federal programs. With the finishing touches to the program in place, Elders age 65 and older have been able to sign up for the Supplemental Income Program since late May.

I want to encourage all Elders to sign up for the program. We have staff that will help you through every step of the application process, and the information you provide is confidential.

We will continue to make improvements to the program. If you have any suggestions, my staff and I would be happy to talk with you.

How to Apply for the Elder Supplemental Income Program

By Cindy Fairchild, Benefit Issuance Director

The Elder Supplemental Income Program began taking applications on May 28, 2002. To submit an application, Elders age 65 and older can either send in a completed application form along with the required verifications (a list is provided with the application form) or have a voluntary face-to-face interview.

The maximum payment from the Elder Supplemental Income Program is \$400 per month. An Elder may receive less than the \$400 depending upon his or her monthly income and expenses. Income which IS NOT counted toward eligibility for this program includes:

- Federal Social Security Retirement,
- financial assistance received from a governmental needs-based program such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Minnesota Supplemental Aide (MSA),
- any United States military pension, and
- the first \$525 per month received from any other retirement or pension program.

This means that a household that only receives social security has no countable income. In addition, with the \$525 retirement or pension deduction and the deductions allowed for shelter, utility, medical, transportation and cultural expenses, there are very few Elders who are not eligible for the program based on their income.

The process for determining an Elder's eligibility for the program is as follows: All completed applications received in a week are reviewed and determined for eligibility on Friday afternoon. The checks from that week are distributed the following Friday. These checks will be sent by certified mail unless the Elder prefers to

pick it up. The initial check will include the June payment and all retroactive months, with all Elders getting paid back to January unless they have turned 65 since then.

The verifications that we need with each Elder's application include a tribal ID and verification of his or her household's income. We also try to gather information for our files about household expenses, such as rent or mortgage payments, telephone bills, cable/satellite bills, heating and electric bills, car payments, and insurance bills. We also need to verify assets using bank statements, car titles, boat registrations, and other documents to make sure the household is under the allowable asset limit. We also try to gather verification of Medicare or other health insurance benefits.

A letter will be mailed to every Elder filing an application letting him or her know the action taken on the application. A copy of the budget worksheet used to determine the Elder's eligibility will also be sent.

It is not our intent to ask intrusive questions regarding monthly expenses and other personal information. We need these to determine each Elder's eligibility. Verifying expenses is most important for Elders who have a significant amount of income. We certainly only want as little information as necessary and do not want to invade on a person's privacy, but in order to make sure this is a needs-based program, these verifications are required. **All information provided is strictly confidential and is NOT available to anyone to view or discuss.**

If an Elder has any questions or needs to set up an interview, please call Tammy Gahbow or me at 1-800-922-4457. We will travel to an Elder's home for an interview if requested.

Legislative Wrap-up

Band members will be able to use their tribal identification cards for election day voter registration under a new law enacted by the MN Legislature. At first, lawmakers were asked to approve a pilot project on tribal identification that would have been limited to the Leech Lake Reservation. However, in its final form, the bill was expanded to apply to all tribal governments.

In the final days of the 2002 legislative session, a tax bill was passed that delays state takeover of out-of-home placement costs until 2004. The bill also declares that non-residents who win money gaming in MN are subject to MN income taxes.

Lawmakers also removed the limitation on the amount counties are eligible to receive from sales tax revenue generated on tribal lands. The amount eligible to be

distributed to counties from this source had been capped at \$1.1 million a year.

Wastewater Plant

Construction of the new wastewater treatment plant will not be affected by Governor Ventura's veto of wastewater grant money in the 2002 bonding bill passed by the Legislature. Ventura's veto cut \$6 million that would have helped the City of Garrison construct a distribution system connecting it with the new sewer district.

Construction of the new \$12 million wastewater treatment plant will continue on schedule.

In his veto message, Ventura said projects eliminated from this year's bonding bill were not dead, but were merely being delayed due to the state's budget crisis. An effort to restore the wastewater grant money could be made next year.

Car Seat Clinics Return

The Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Program is hosting child car seat clinics this summer. Last year was the first year we held car seat clinics, and we hope to serve more Band members this summer.

The first car seat clinic of the season was on June 12 at the District I Community Center. Five children took part in the car seat clinic with their parents. CPS Program members Melinda Cross, Eileen Farrah, Chris Erickson, Berd Przybilla, and Stephen Piontkowski who represent tribal programs including Head Start, Nay Ah Shing School, Community Health Representatives, and Tribal Police, worked the clinic.

The purposes of the clinics are to ensure the young passengers in your car are properly fitted with a car safety seat, that the seat is installed correctly in your car, and that parents and childcare providers receive information on child passenger safety.

When you come to a child car seat clinic, please bring your car and the children who ride in that car. A child safety seat will be given to you if you do not have a seat for the child when you come to the clinic.

Car Seat Clinic 2002 Schedule

District I

Community Center

July 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

District II (East Lake)

Community Center

July 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

District III

Community Center

July 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

News from Nay Ah Shing



Superintendent
Joycelyn Shingobe-Wedll

New Superintendent

Mille Lacs Band member Joycelyn Shingobe-Wedll is the new Superintendent of the Nay Ah Shing Schools. Joyce assumed her new position on July 1, but she had already learned quite a bit about operating the schools by spending the past year as Assistant Superintendent. She has also served as a Mille Lacs Band history teacher at Nay Ah Shing.

Before joining the schools, Joyce spent many years working at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and served as the museum's Site Manager. However, she said her real passion has always been education. "A major part of my career has been in education and sharing the rich history and culture of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. When the opportunity to work for

Nay Ah Shing Schools became available, I accepted the offer." Joyce says that at Nay Ah Shing, she has the opportunity to work with the educational staff to help in creating a positive academic experience for students who attend the tribal school.

Joyce said that during the last year, she learned a lot from outgoing Superintendent George Weber. "Under his tutelage, I have become familiar with all aspects of administering a tribal school," she said, "including the wide array of funding sources, student issues, and parental involvement." Joyce said she expects to spend much of her first few months as Superintendent familiarizing herself with the schools' funding sources. She is also working towards collaboration with other entities within the tribal government for the betterment of the Nay Ah Shing Schools.

Joyce, who received her bachelor's degree in American Indian Studies from Metropolitan State University, will receive her master's degree in education from St. Mary's University by the end of the summer. She is also looking forward to attaining a school administration licensure from St. Mary's University.



Photo courtesy of Eric North

(L to R) Anna-Lise Aune, Samantha Cash, Bobbi Sam, and Serena Sam presented their original poetry in Brainerd in May. Sarah Oswaldson is not pictured.

Students Present Poetry in Brainerd

By Blenda K. Hagberg

On May 17, 2002, five of the finest poets at the Nay Ah Shing Upper School traveled to Brainerd to present their original poetry at the Crossing Arts Alliance (CAA). Native American art was featured at the CAA throughout May. The participating students were Anna-Lise Aune, Samantha Cash, Sarah Oswaldson, Bobbi Sam, and Serena Sam. The students did an excellent job of presenting their work – some in English, and some in Ojibwe – to a gathering of about 40 people.

Other artists spoke about their artwork and their lives that evening, including Craig David, who led the creation of Nay Ah Shing's new mosaic mural. There was also a feature video about the mural. Refreshments were served,

and a wonderful time was had by all.

Mural Updates

The name of the new mosaic mural, which was dedicated on May 23, is Ojichaagosing Anishanabenyang, which is translated into English as Reflections of the Anishinabe Peoples.

Thanks to the following students who created a beautiful color brochure about the mural: Chad Weyaus, Crystal Garbow, and Maranda Boyd. And thanks to student Valerie Boyd who created a video about the mural.

Here are some interesting facts about the mural:

- it weights 1,400 pounds;
- it consists of 232,000 tiles; and
- 1,000 people helped to create the mural by placing tiles.

Ask Melanie

By Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin

I have been writing this monthly column in the *Ojibwe Inaajimowin* for nearly two years, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to answer Band members' questions and concerns.

I want to invite all of you to keep sending me questions for the "Ask Melanie" column. I have just a few guidelines for you to follow when you fax or mail me a question:

- Please sign your name below the question AND print your name and return address on the fax or the envelope. It is important to know that I am answering a Band member's question – not a question from

someone outside the Mille Lacs Band who may try to use my answer against the Band. As a precaution, I will not answer letters without a signature and return address.

- Please fax the question to 320/532-4209 or mail it to:

Chief Executive's Office
Attn: Ask Melanie
43408 Oodena Drive
Onamia, MN 56359

Don't worry about whether your question seems too small or unimportant. If you are wondering about it, other Band members are probably wondering the same thing. I look forward to receiving your questions.

Tribes Working to Save Indian Education Offices

Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin and the leaders of Minnesota's other tribes have been working hard to convince State Education Commissioner Christine Jax to change her decision to close the American Indian Education Offices in Duluth and Bemidji. At the time of this writing, the offices were set to be closed on June 28 despite tribal objections.

Jax sent a letter to tribal leaders in early June notifying them that the offices would be closed due to approximately \$8.5 million in budget cuts from the 2002 Minnesota Legislature. She gave tribes no opportunity to provide input before she made this decision.

The American Indian Education Offices have played a critical role in providing college recruitment services, assistance with coordinating financial aid, and general guidance for Indian People who attend or plan to attend colleges or universities in the Duluth and Bemidji areas. Closing these offices will force Indian students to

seek services from the Indian Education Office in the Twin Cities, even if they attend college far away from Minneapolis or St. Paul. Therefore, students in out-state Minnesota colleges will miss out on the benefits of direct service unless they drive to or call the Twin Cities office.

Many tribal leaders worry that if the Duluth and Bemidji offices close, the number of Indian students using Indian Education Office services will decrease. If that happens, the Legislature may cut funding for state Indian education programs.

On June 14, tribal leaders met with Jax at Grand Casino Hinckley to discuss the issue. Jax listened to their concerns and left the issue open for continued discussion, but did not change her decision.

We will continue to monitor this issue and bring Band members the latest updates in the *Ojibwe Inaajimowin*.



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe,
36th Annual Powwow, August 16-18

ISKIGAMIZIGAN 2002

Host Drum: Spirit Island/Les Gahbow
MC: Larry "Amik" Smallwood • Arena Director: Robert Sam

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| Grand Entries | Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. |
| Free | Admission Camping Campfire Wood Showers |
| Dancer & Drum Monies | First 15 drums registered for the powwow will be paid |
| Location | Iskigamizigan Powwow Grounds West side of Lake Mille Lacs 12 miles north of Onamia on U.S. Hwy. 169, follow signs |
| Contests & Activities | Princess, Jr. Princess Contest Brave, Jr. Brave Contest Best Float Contest Best Rez Car Contest Best Native American Dish Contest Parade Moccasin Games Fun Run Sponsored by the Mille Lacs Indian Museum |
| On Sale | Souvenir Buttons Raffle Tickets |
| Prizes | Polaris 4x4 Four Wheeler Set of Golf Clubs 52 weeks of Bingo Level 1 Package |
| Food & Craft Vendors Welcome! | Limited Space, Reserve Early Contact Lori Weous, 320/532-7408 |

For more powwow information, contact:
Kenny Weyaus, 320/532-3632, or
Freedom Porter, 320/532-7517

Chief Executive's Schedule

To keep Band members informed about what the Chief Executive has been working on, here is a look back at Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin's June schedule:

- Met with many Band members to discuss their ideas and concerns.
- Attended the Mille Lacs Band General Election Candidate Forum in Isle.
- Hosted a midwest region meeting on the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Trust Reform Task Force to update tribes on the latest issues on trust reform.
- Attended a DOI Trust Reform Task Force meeting.
- Met with federal legislators on issues facing the Mille Lacs Band.
- Attended the Assisted Living Unit open houses in District III and District I.
- Hosted a dinner for the Elders of District II-Isle and District I.
- Hosted a retreat for the Chief Executive's Elder Advisory Council.
- Attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Housing Sub-committee retreat.
- Attended the Grand Celebration Powwow at Grand Casino Hinckley.

If you have an idea or concern or would like to meet with Melanie, contact Tracy Sam, Deputy Assistant in the Chief Executive's office, at 320/532-7480.

Congratulations, Graduates!

GED

Michelle Morrison,
American Indian OIC

High School Degree

Maria Costello,
Pine City High School

Joshua Eckert,
Pine City High School

Guy Davis,
Pine City High School

Rachel Shaugobay,
Isle ALC

Benjamin Blake,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Christopher Boswell,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Ashley Boyd,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Valerie Boyd,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Michelle Olivarez,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Les Sam,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Michael Sam,
Nay Ah Shing High School

Jeremy Harrington,
Aitkin High School

Brian Dorr,
De La Salle High School

William Sayers,
Heart of the Earth

D. Leah Thomas,
Heart of the Earth

Tara Robertson,
South High School

Alicia Houle,
Sandstone High School

Mitchell Smith,
Sandstone High School

Jason Yaekel,
Sandstone High School

Angela Matrious,
Hinckley-Finlayson High School

Ryan O'Brien, Hinckley-Finlayson High School

Lyndi Premo, Hinckley-Finlayson High School

Sara Nickaboine,
Onamia High School

Maysun Shingobe,
Onamia High School

Chris Weous,
Onamia High School

Dusty Martin,
McGregor High School

Tara Benjamin, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School

Juanita Nickaboine,
Pond Evening class

Ashley Bourdeau,
Santa Teresa High School

Teresa Sivla,
San Diego, CA

Certificate from American Indian OIC

Alicia Barnes,
Human Services

Jessica Bennett,
Administrative Assistant

Associate of Arts

Kateri Schaaf, Haskell

Wesley Ballinger,
North Hennepin Technical College

Dyan Dunkley,
St. Cloud State University

Penny Hill,
Central Lakes College

McKenzie Reynolds,
Central Lakes College

Bachelor of Arts

Dawne Lott,
Augsburg College

Masters

Nathan Dorr,
University of Minnesota

There is no formal way to keep track of Band graduates. We apologize if we've missed anyone. Your additions are welcome. To add a graduate's name, please call Darlene Day at 800/532-9059.

CYS Update

July 12 Golf Tournament

The First Annual Community Youth Services Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament will be held at the Fiddlestix Golf Course in Isle on July 12. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the CYS Junior Golf League and additional youth activities.

Entry Fees

Men's and women's flights (three-person scramble):
\$250.00

Junior flights for grades 9-12 (two-person scramble):
\$50.00

Prizes

Men's and women's championship flights:
1st - \$500.00 2nd - \$250.00 3rd - \$125.00

Men's and women's regular flights:
1st - \$300.00 2nd - \$200.00 3rd - \$100.00

Boys' and girls' junior flights:
Trophies and prizes

If anyone has a hole in one, that person will win a new golf cart. There will also be prizes for the closest ball to the pin, the longest drive, and the longest putt. The first 36 teams to register will be entered in a drawing for a set of golf clubs and a bag.

Contacts

For more information, contact Brad Harrington at 320/532-7518, Freedom Porter at 320/532-7517, or the CYS office at mlbcys@millelacsojibwe.nsn.us.

Banquet Held to Recognize Volunteers

The Mille Lacs Band honored the contributions of volunteers and mentors on May 30 at the 2002 Community Youth Services (CYS)/Mentorship Program Recognition Banquet. The event at Grand Casino Hinckley included a dinner, speeches from tribal officials, a performance by the District II Drum & Dance Troupe, and award presentations.

Five special honors were given to mentor Carmen Porter and CYS volunteers Becky Sam, Dale Ballinger, Rose Bugg, and Mervel "Tiger" Jones for all of their contributions to CYS. Speakers at the banquet included Band Secretary/Treasurer Herb Weyaus, CYS Director Bonnie Stromvall, Mentorship Coordinator Freedom Porter, and CYS Coordinators Brad Harrington, Kelly Pendegayosh, Anita Audie, and Corinna Moose. Mille Lacs Band Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin also attended the event.

CYS Youth Worker Car Wash



CYS Student Youth Worker Lance Ballinger is pictured washing a car at the car wash and Indian taco sale held in June. Two more car washes and Indian taco sales will be held this summer - on July 19 and August 23 from noon to 5 p.m. at the District I Community Center. Proceeds benefit the Student Youth Worker Fund, which allows Student Youth Workers to sponsor their own youth activities, attend youth conferences, and tour schools.

Photo courtesy of Freedom Porter

The Moccasin Telegraph

**By Mille Lacs Band Elder
Beatrice Taylor**

The following article appeared in the May 15 issue of the Mille Lacs Messenger. It is being reprinted with their permission.

Aaniin. I am Beatrice Taylor, a Mille Lacs Band Elder, and I am happy to be writing this column and sharing some stories about the Mille Lacs Anishinaabe.

I'd like to tell you the story of how the Mille Lacs Anishinaabe came to live in this part of the world. We've been here for a long time, so it's an old, old story.

Many years ago, our ancestors lived on the east coast. One day, one of our Elders had a vision that we were supposed to come west. We were supposed to travel until we came to the place where the food grows on the water. That was the mahnomen (wild rice).

So our ancestors migrated west. Some migrated up into Canada, some migrated over to Wisconsin and Michigan, some went to Iowa, and some came here.

The ancestors who went to Canada traded with the people there. In our Indian language, these ancestors were called the O-dow-wa. But I guess the English tongue couldn't get that tongue twister, so the people there called these Indians the Ottawa. That's the name that's still used today.

In Wisconsin, there was a group of Indian People who said to some of the other Indians who were migrating, "We're going to settle here, and we will keep the fire burning until you come back." And those people were called Bu-da-wa-da-mi, or keepers of the fire. But again, that's a tongue twister, so they were called the Potawatomi.

Another group went a little further south and settled. These were called Mahnomen people – Menominee. Some other people who were migrating went west into Iowa and settled there.

And their name was Mis-co-a-kee, but again that was shortened to Meskwaki, the red earth.

And some came to this part of Minnesota. They came to be near the big lake where the food grows on the water. And they stayed. These people were the ancestors of today's Mille Lacs Anishinaabe.

My family lived in Ahzhoomog. That's our name for the area near Hinckley. Other Mille Lacs Anishinaabe lived around Onamia, Isle, McGregor, and other places.

There has been much that has happened to us since then and many reasons why some of us have had to move away from our home. Sometimes Anishinaabe moved away to find work because they couldn't find any here. Some were sent away to schools against their will. But still we hung onto our traditions, and our language, and our culture, and we kept on working together for the betterment of our children.

I moved away from Ahzhoomog for a while, but I came back for ceremonial powwows. But that wasn't enough for me. I missed my home, my language, my relatives, being with my people. Then I moved back to Ahzhoomog. And I felt good about it – I was home.

Now I teach my grandchildren about our culture. I talk the language with them. I use the words with them constantly. When we go to a sacred ceremony, we make our tobacco offering, and we ask the Great Spirit to take care of our children, our grandchildren, and their children coming up.

I am glad to live in Ahzhoomog, where my people have lived. My mother lived here. My four sisters are around here. When I moved back, I said this is the last move I'm ever going to make, and I still feel that way. I'm back home.

It's Your Business

Making A Difference in Our Community

**By Mitch Corbine,
Commissioner of Corporate
Affairs**

The success of the Corporate Commission, including Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Grand Casino Hinckley, and the Band's other businesses, is vital to the well-being of the Mille Lacs Band. The financial success of our businesses has enabled the Band to improve the quality of life for its members and has also given us an opportunity to support our neighboring communities.

First and foremost, casino revenues go toward the Band's base of programs and services. The Corporate Commission transfers casino revenues to the Band's general fund and the Band's elected officials decide the amount of money to appropriate to each tribal government department for its programs and services.

Band members and non-Indians in this community also look to the casinos and the Corporate Commission for contributions to important

activities, events and organizations. Our businesses strongly believe in being good corporate citizens, so we contribute to these causes whenever it is appropriate. After all, our employees and many of our Guests live in this community.

We support many Band activities and events as well as deserving local projects. For instance, we have recently contributed \$12,500 to the Mille Lacs Band Elders' Golf Fundraising Tournament, \$2,000 to the Wahkon Civic Organization to help build a playground in Wahkon, and \$1,000 to the Crow Wing County Historical Society to help finance a documentary project, which will include the role that Indian culture has played in the county's history.

Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Grand Casino Hinckley, and the Corporate Commission have made a significant difference in this community because of our success. Band members' support and input throughout the years has been very important to this prosperity, and we look forward to another decade of successes.

Band Member Named Interim Tribal Police Chief



Interim Police Chief Sid Lucas

Mille Lacs Band member Sid Lucas, who has worked for the Tribal Police Department for seven years, has been named the Band's Interim Police Chief.

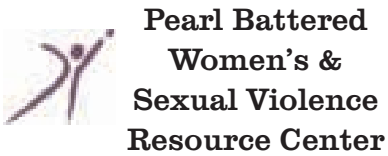
Lucas, who will serve in this role until a permanent police chief is found, takes over for Phil Galeoto. "Phil left on good terms," said Mille Lacs Band Solicitor General Mary Al Balber in the *Mille Lacs Messenger*. "We're sorry to see him and his leadership go."

**Some Secrets
Need to be Shared.**

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1-800-522-2055

or

Native American Sexual
Violence Crisis Line:

1-800-322-3459

Band Members Complete Business Class



Steve Premo

More Band members have completed the Business Management Class offered by the Corporate Commission's Small Business Development Program. (From left to right) Curtis Martin, Brian Matrious, Rod Matrious, Carole Higgins, Marcy Maurice, Bernadette Smith, SBDP Coordinator Sharon James (instructor), Bobby Anderson, and SBDP Business Specialist Paul Kath (instructor).

Seven more Band members – Curtis Martin, Brian Matrious, Rod Matrious, Carole Higgins, Marcy Maurice, Bernadette Smith, and Bobby Anderson – have completed the Business Management Class

provided by the Corporate Commission's Small Business Development Program (SBDP).

Everyone who attended the class learned about the hours and hard work that are necessary as a business owner, as well as the different skills needed to operate a successful business. "The business management class helped me to be the best business entrepreneur that I can be," said Carole Higgins, owner of Carole's Grand Salon. Some of the topics covered in class were:

- looking at yourself to determine if you are an entrepreneur
- learning about customer service
- understanding the different types of business structures and regulations
- learning what is involved in business planning and research
- understanding how to manage human resources

- marketing a business
- managing your money and record keeping

If you are thinking of starting a business, or if you are in business and want to get additional skills and insight, the Business Management Class is for you. **The next class will begin on July 15.** Classes will be held on the fourth floor of the Corporate Commission building. Call Sharon at 800/746-9805, ext. 8817, for more information or to register. The classes are free.

One of the requirements for applying for a SBDP business loan is to obtain business management education if you do not have a business management background. The Business Management Class is one of the steps to obtaining a loan and successfully operating your business.

OPINION

A (Sound) Bite From the Apple

Interviews and Essays that Answer Questions and Question Answers



Chad Germann

On June 6, 2002, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe hosted a regional meeting of the Tribal Task Force on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Trust Management Reform. Present at the meeting were government officials from the BIA and the Department of Interior (DOI), regional representatives of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the legal counselors and leaders of several regional tribes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Tribal Leader/DOI Trust Reform Task Force's preliminary proposals for reorganizing the DOI's offices for the administration of trust reform, which, although seemingly national in scope, will affect the way in which all Indian tribes govern their resources.

Long ago, the United States Government agreed via a broad trust relationship with the Indian Nations, to 1. protect tribal self-governance, 2. provide services to Indian communities, and 3. exercise the highest degree of care with tribal and Indian lands and resources. Sadly, the DOI has "mismanaged the funds and resources entrusted to its care, being unable to accurately account for billions of dollars of Indian and tribal resources" (Tribal Leaders/DOI Trust Reform Task Force Update, May 28, 2002). This enormous error eventually led to the Trust Funds Management Reform Act of 1994, which mandated "specific responsibilities for the Department in accounting and management of Indian trust funds." Among other things, the Department is under a requirement to "render and accurately account for

all funds held in trust, develop integrated and consistent trust policies and procedures, and ensure that the trust fund accounting system is integrated with the land and asset management systems of the BIA, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Minerals Management Service" (Task Force Report). More recently, the Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, in November of 2001 suggested the creation of a new agency to help solve the above problem – a Bureau of Indian Trust Asset Management (BITAM). The new agency would "administer responsibilities for trust funds and resources and separate trust assets management from the Bureau of Indian Affairs" (Task Force Report). This was not a good move on her part, as "tribal leaders throughout Indian Country overwhelmingly rejected this idea and demanded that they be

consulted on matters that would so profoundly affect the rights and interests of their tribes as well as their constituencies" (Task Force Report). And so the Trust Reform Task Force was born. Comprised of both tribal leaders and representatives of the DOI, their purpose is "to develop and evaluate organizational options to improve the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of the Departmental...Indian Trust Operations consistent with Indian treaty rights, Indian trust law, and the government-to-government relationship."

The Task Force is pushing for new legislation this year to amend the Trust Funds Management Reform Act of 1994. And given the fact that our tribe owns and manages significant business operations on Indian trust land, the efforts of the Task Force will surely impact our tribe's future.

Oral History Project Preserves History of Mille Lacs People

Oral history has always been the Mille Lacs Band's way of passing on the words, wisdom and stories of one generation to the next. The Band's Oral History Project adds another step to this tradition – writing down the words.

The Oral History Project interviews people including Elders, Band members, and people who work for the Band and its casinos. The tape-recorded interviews are then transcribed to a computer document, printed, and filed in the Band's archives.

The Oral History Project captures a snapshot of each person's life, stories and values. Preserving these snapshots for future generations to read and share will help the Mille Lacs Band carry on a true picture of itself and its journey through time. The interviews will touch countless lives, from the people who have told their stories to the researchers of today and tomorrow who use these interviews to learn more about their leaders, study genealogy, or even write a history of the Mille Lacs Band.

One of the most significant concerns the Oral History Project addresses is preserving the Band's Ojibwe language. Many interviews are conducted in Ojibwe. By keeping the recordings in its archives, the Band has a permanent record of the sound of the language. These recordings can be used later in the Band's language programs, thereby keeping the Ojibwe language and the values contained within it alive.

The interviews also help the Band gather and preserve other types of history, including photographs, information about blood quantum, and the location of Ojibwe graves and other sacred sites.

Ojibwemowin

By a Mille Lacs Band Elder

July is Miini-Giizis or Blueberry Moon

Things We Hear Every Day

Ganabajnaadagizhaate nongoomIt may be hot today.
EndaminzhakwadIt's really clear.
Gegoowiikwaasin wenjinoodingThe wind is pulling something up.
Bengwanimad igooanawiAt least it's not humid.
Miigooazhigwageget baashkibagaagThe leaves are really growing.
WaabigoniisanFlowers.
AniibiishibagonLeaves.
Giiwikitigenagiin?Are you going to have a garden?
GemijiyaanetagoJust what I'm going to eat.
Ingabaaondaminiimi idiiI'll be busy powwowing.
Giwiiniimina?Are you going to dance?
NiwiinaagamI'm going to sing.
Dagagimiwan ayaapiIt'll probably rain off and on.
WewenimamoonTake it easy.
GawaabminI'll see you.
AhaawOkay.

Environmentalists Say Representative Erickson Among Worst

Minnesota's largest environmental group says Representative Sondra Erickson, Republican of Princeton, has one of the state's worst environmental records. Erickson, a consistent opponent of the wastewater treatment project undertaken by the City of Garrison and the Mille Lacs Band, is on the Sierra Club's 2002 "Toxic Twelve" list.

The North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club said it will target the legislators on the list in the November election and will educate voters in their districts about their anti-environmental records.

"Frankly, Minnesotans

expect our legislators to share a common reverence for clean air and water, open space, parks, and wildlife," said Sam Garst, Toxic Twelve Campaign coordinator for the Sierra Club. "Unfortunately, members of the Toxic Twelve represent the concerns of polluters rather than the majority of Minnesotans."

Erickson, whose district includes the Mille Lacs Reservation, has tried several times to put roadblocks in the way of the wastewater treatment plant, a project that environmental groups have designated one of the state's most important

water quality efforts. Erickson, who is seeking reelection this year, added language to the bonding bill in the House of Representatives that would have hampered completion of the wastewater treatment plant. Her language was deleted from the final version of the bill that was passed in the 2002 legislative session.

Aging and inadequate septic tanks along the western shore of Mille Lacs Lake have long been an environmental concern. The City of Garrison and the Mille Lacs Band joined to solve the problem by building a new treatment plant and wastewater treatment system to serve

10,000 residents. The federal government is providing \$7.7 million to build the \$12 million plant. The Band will finance the rest of the cost. No state or local tax money will be involved in constructing the plant.

In addition to the Sierra Club, groups supporting the wastewater treatment project are: 1000 Friends of Minnesota, American Lands Alliance – Upper Midwest, Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota, Mankato Area Environmentalists, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Minnesota Project, and Voyageurs National Park Association.

Names and Faces

Joseph Boyd

Band member Joseph Boyd, who just completed his junior year at Minneapolis Edison High School, has been named a 2002 ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) award winner. ExCEL is a program designed to recognize 40 Minnesota high school juniors who are active in athletic and fine arts activities, demonstrate leadership qualities, and are model citizens in their communities.

Joe has been involved in Target Leadership, French Club, yearbook, peer tutoring, volunteering at the Dorothy Day Center and the Northeast Business Association, and more. He has also received many awards for his participation in sports, including MVP of his football team, defensive player of the year in baseball, and others. Joe is the son of Debra Boyd and Ervin Brooks.

Rodney and Alicia Dorr

Urban Band members Rodney Dorr and his eight-year-old daughter Alicia competed in the Governor's Cup Tae-Kwon-Do Tournament on May 4 in Fridley, Minnesota.

Rodney won two gold medals – one in breaking boards and one in pattern.



Photo courtesy of Rodney Dorr

Rodney and Alicia Dorr have practiced Tae-Kwon-Do for two-and-a-half years.

Alicia won a gold medal in pattern and a special plaque for being part of the demonstration team. Rodney and Alicia have practiced Tae-Kwon-Do for two-and-a-half years and currently have purple belts with a brown stripe; they will test soon for brown belts.

Dyan Dunkley

Dyan Dunkley, daughter of Curt and Sally Dunkley, graduated as a Magna Cum Laude honor student from Mora High School on June 2. Dyan was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students the past two years, and she has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years and the Business Professionals of America (Mora chapter) for three

years. Dyan has also been recognized for peer tutoring, peer mediating, and mentoring.

Dyan attended St. Cloud Technical College (SCTC) during her senior year of high school as a Post Secondary Enrollment Option student in the Computer-Aided Drafting and Design program. This fall she will return to SCTC. In her spare time, Dyan has written poetry and had two poems published.

Joseph Nayquonabe

Band member Joseph Nayquonabe completed his internship with Holland & Knight LLP, the Mille Lacs Band's lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., in May. He attended the firm's internal legislative, appropriations and Indian affairs group meetings; worked on several projects related to the Band; and attended oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court, Department of the Interior briefings, Capitol Hill meetings, and NCAI and NIGA lawyer/lobbyist meetings on behalf of the Band.

Joe also assisted the Indian Affairs group by attending hearings, researching issues related to the firm's tribal clients, and contributing articles to

Indian Affairs Daily and Updates. The internship was designed to help enrich Joe's understanding of the federal government and its relationship to Indian tribes.

Jacob Vainio

Three-year-old Band member Jacob Vainio, son



Ivy Vainio

Three-year-old Jacob Vainio has been taking violin lessons since September 2001.

of Arne and Ivy Vainio, gave a violin performance at the Lake Superior SUZUKI Talent Education Program's spring festival concert on May 19. The event was held at the Marshall Performing Arts Center at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Jacob and Arne have taken violin lessons through the SUZUKI program since September 2001.

Tribal Noteboard

Happy July Birthday to:

Whitney Harrington on July 14 with love from Auntie Tracy, Jacob, Jarvis, Shelby, Nadine, Charlotte, Phillip Jr., and mom • **Karen Harrington** on July 13 with love from Tracy, Jacob, Jarvis, Shelby, Cordell, Jimmy, Nicole, Chris and your "roomy" • **Nicole Harrington**, 25, on July 2 from Tracy, Jacob, Jarvis, Shelby, Cordell, Jimmy, Nicole, Chris and mom • **O-Gui** on July 29 from Micky, Becky, Maxine, Marsha and all the kids • **Rachel Sam**, 21, on July 21 from Tracy, Jacob, Jarvis, Shelby, Auntie Karen, dad, Mariah, Micky & kids, and all your brothers and sisters • **Deze Gordon**, 1, on July 9 from Grandma Pauline and Auntie Trina • **Cilla** on July 22 from mom and Trina • **Sean Racelo** on July 2 with love from mom, dad, Jessica, Brandon, Sonya, Grandma Beatrice, Grandpa Tuggo, Grandma Libbie, and Grandpa Mauro; and from Auntie Doreen, Jon, Justin, Lauren, and Baby Katie • **Doreen Mitchell**, 41, on July 1 from Jon, Justin, Lauren, mom and dad; and from Jade, Debbie, Jessica, Sean, Brandon, Sonya, Cheech, Chong, Ren, Callie, Smokey and Katie • **Alan Mitchell** on July 21 from Jade, Debbie, Jessica, Sean, Brandon, Chris, Rosa, Paige, Freddie, mom and dad; and from Doreen, Jon, Justin, Lauren and Baby Katie • **Paige Mitchell** on July 23 from Jade, Debbie, Jessica, Sean, Sonya, Brandon, mom, dad, Rosa, Freddie, Grandma Beatrice, and Grandpa Tuggo; and from Auntie Doreen, Jon, Justin, Lauren, and Baby Katie • **Mom** from Hog, Booger and Ear Wax • **Gary Davis** on July 2 from Harry and family • **Virgil Benjamin** on July 3 from Monica • **Anita Benjamin** on July 5 from mom, Monica and Stacy • **Nigel Ladd** on July 7 from Stacy and Jon • **Lionel "Tuhtentant" Richey** on July 13 from your aunts • **Jonathan Reynolds** on July 15 from mom, grandma and the family • **Jennifer Wadena** on July 15 from

Stacy • **Martha Davis** on July 24 from Harry and family • **Ruth St. John** on July 26 from your family • **BJ Livingston** on July 31 from mom, dad, Sissy, Stacy, Jon and grandma • **Heather Benjamin-Dorr** on July 15 with love from mom, sissy, auntie, grandma, Jourdain, John and papa • **Rosella Eagle** on July 17 from Jude • **Dallas** on July 2 with love from Shyla, Destanie, Jordan, Tina, mom, grandma and grandpa • **Mommy** on July 23 with love from Shyla, Destanie and Jordan • **Gamma Kay** on July 1 from Katie • **Soda Pop**, 17, on July 2 from Hog, Booger and Wax • **Thomas** on July 13 with love from Dalene • **Grandma Tish** on July 20 from Tommy Lee, Chaddy, Thomas, and Dalene • **Dalene** on July 21 from Chaddy, Tommy Lee, Tina, Deondre, Tanya, and Rainy • **Weeh Alicia** on July 23 from Dalene, Thomas, Chaddy, Tommy Lee, and Auntie Al • **Tayha Thomas** on July 13 from Meany, Chaddy, Tommy Lee, and Thomas • **Auntie Cookie** on July 14 from Meany, Chaddy, Tommy Lee, and Thomas • **Daddy** on July 13 from Tommy Lee and Chaddy • **Brandon Daniel** on July 9 with love from mom and Benji • **Desiree Lee** on July 8 with love from mom and Benji • **Auntie** on July 19 from Ben, Jay, Jake, mom, Pete, Adrienne and Sister Ruth • **Shey Amos** on July 20 with love from auntie.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Michael Adam Sam** who graduated from high school, with love from Chris and family.

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Congratulations to **Michele and Bruce Palomaki** on the arrival of their new baby boy born on May 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd, MN. Jacob Keith weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 21 1/4 in. long. Congratulations from Eloise and Brittany Wind.

Happy Birthday in July to Mille Lacs Band Elders!

Darline Barbour
Leta Nickaboine
Agnes Chief
Marlene Nickaboine
Martha Davis
Alfreda Sam
Dolores Eagle
Alicia Skinaway
Regina Hansen
Donald Skinaway
Margaret Hill
Melvin Skinaway
Loretta Kalk
Andrew St. Clair
Darlene LaFave
Angeline Wadena
Letitia Mitchell
Laura Weyaus
Carol Nickaboine

Thank You

The family of **Valerie Boyd** would like to say thank you to everyone who attended her graduation.

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A special thank you from **Harry Davis** to all the voters who supported me in the election.

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The **National Society for American Indian Elderly** would like to thank the Mille Lacs Band Corporate Commission for its donation.

We work to improve the quality of life for Indian seniors living on reservations by supporting a network of tribally administered services. Due to your generosity, we are able to provide support for nutrition and transportation programs, social and recreational activities, and in-home services.

From **Stephen Wilson**, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Society for American Indian Elderly.

From the Editor

By **Tammy Miller**, Editor

Greetings fellow Band members. The elections are over, and I want to congratulate Secretary/Treasurer Herb Weyaus, District II Representative Marvin Bruneau, and District III Representative Harry Davis.

I also want to congratulate everyone who ran for office. Getting involved like that takes great courage. Having Band members get involved and stay involved in our tribal government is so important, and I want to thank everyone who voted, volunteered in the elections process, or participated in the elections in some other way.

I hope to see you all at the Mid-Term Celebration Picnic on July 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mille Lacs powwow grounds. The Band will give away a car, and Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin will distribute a mid-term report to Band members on progress made during the last two years and work that still needs to be done. The tribal government will also mail the report to all Band households to make sure everyone gets a copy.

Well, time is short. See you at the picnic!

POWWOW Committee Seeks Royalty Contestants

If you are between the ages of 4 and 20 years old, are a Mille Lacs Band member or descendant of a Mille Lacs Band member, don't have any children, and are interested in representing the Mille Lacs Band as royalty during powwows, please sign up for the Royalty Contest. The contest takes place in August during our annual powwow.

The registration deadline is August 2, 2002. If you are interested, contact Denise Day at 800/709-6445, ext. 2109, send her a fax at 320/532-4675, or e-mail her at ishwaas@ecenet.com.

July 2002 Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>If you would like an event included in the community calendar, Call Kelly Sam at 651/292-8062 or write to Kelly at 255 E. Kellogg Blvd. Suite 102 St. Paul, MN 55101</p> | <p>Public Hearing on the Corporate Commission Task Force Report 1 District I Community Center 6-8 p.m.</p> | <p>Independence Bingo Special 2 GCH – \$1,199 coverall 6:15 p.m. early bird 7 p.m. regular session</p> <p>Public Hearing on the Corporate Commission Task Force Report East Lake Community Center, 6-8 p.m.</p> | <p>Mid-Term Report and Band Employee Appreciation Day 3 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Iskigamizigan Powwow Grounds</p> | <p>All offices closed for Mid-Summer Day 4</p> <p>Independence Bingo Special GCML \$30 buy-in \$1,000 coverall</p> | <p>Commissioner on Call Mitch Corbine 877/239-2444</p> | <p>Commissioner on Call Mitch Corbine 877/239-2444</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Mitch Corbine 877/239-2444</p> | <p>AMVETS Meeting GCML 8 7 p.m. Contact: Ken Weyaus, 320/532-3632</p> <p>Public Hearing on the Corporate Commission Task Force Report Urban Office, 6-8 p.m.</p> | <p>Diabetes Clinic 9 East Lake Community Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact: Susan Moos, 320/532-4163</p> <p>Public Hearing on the Corporate Commission Task Force Report District III Community Center, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>Nay Ah Shing Library open to the community 5:30-8 p.m.</p> | <p>District I Community Meeting 10 District I Community Center, 6 p.m. Contact: Bea Mitchell, 320/532-4181</p> | <p>District III Community Meeting 11 GCH, Hotel Ballroom 6 p.m. Contact: Monica Benjamin, 877/884-6240, ext. 224</p> | <p>Diabetes Clinic 12 Ne-la-Shing Clinic, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact: Susan Moos, 320/532-4163</p> <p>Free Hearing Tests Ne-la-Shing Clinic, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 320/532-4163</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Deron Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> | <p>Commissioner on Call Deron Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Deron Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Nay Ah Shing Library open to the community 5:30-8 p.m.</p> | <p>District I Community Meeting 17 District I Community Center, 6 p.m. Contact: Bea Mitchell, 320/532-4181</p> | <p>All Elder Meeting 18 East Lake Community Center, 11:30 a.m., Contact: Nora Benjamin, 320/532-4181</p> <p>Urban Elder Meeting Urban Office, 6 p.m. Contact: Pat or Cindy, 612/872-1424</p> <p>Isle Community Meeting Chiminising Community Center, 6 p.m. Contact: Brenda Boyd, 320/676-1102</p> | <p>CYS Student Youth Worker Car Wash 19 District I Community Center noon-5 p.m. Contact: Freedom Porter, 320/532-7517</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Duane Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> | <p>Commissioner on Call Duane Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> |
| <p>George Thorogood and the Destroyers and Creedence Clearwater Revisited 21 4 p.m. GCH Amphitheater \$21, \$28, \$35*</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Duane Dunkley 877/239-2444</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>Diabetes Clinic 23 Aazhoomog Clinic 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact: Susan Moos, 320/532-4163</p> <p>Nay Ah Shing Library open to the community 5:30-8 p.m.</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>Urban Area Community Meeting 25 All Nations Church 5:30 p.m., Contact: Pat or Cindy, 612/872-1424</p> <p>East Lake Community Meeting East Lake Community Center, 6 p.m. Contact: Mary Sue Bohanon, 218/768-3311</p> | <p>Diabetes Clinic 26 Ne-la-Shing Clinic 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact: Susan Moos, 320/532-4163</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Sam Moose 877/239-2444</p> | <p>July Bingo Drawing GCH 27 6:15 p.m. early bird 7 p.m. regular session Win an air conditioner</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Sam Moose 877/239-2444</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>Commissioner on Call Sam Moose 877/239-2444</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Nay Ah Shing Library open to the community 5:30-8 p.m.</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>Commissioners On Call A Mille Lacs Band commissioner is available every weekend by calling 877/239-2444 to help Band members handle emergencies. The emergency phone is answered from 5 p.m. Friday - 8 a.m. Monday.</p> | <p>Dauber Days GCML Buy one get one free July 5, 9, 24 and 25</p> | <p>Independence Month Promotion GCML July 18 and 30 6:30 p.m. early bird 7:30 p.m. regular session Win a Fantasy Bingo pass!</p> |

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Grand Casino Mille Lacs

Grand Northern Grill • BBQ Combo
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Grand Grill Americana • BBQ Combo
 July 1 thru July 31 • 4-10 p.m. • \$10.99

Tuesday's Supersavers Bingo
 6:15 p.m. early bird • 7 p.m. regular session • \$10 buy-in

Brad Kalk Serving as Interim General Manager at Grand Casino Mille Lacs



Grand Casino Mille Lacs Interim
General Manager Brad Kalk

Mille Lacs Band member Brad Kalk, who has served as Assistant General Manager at Grand Casino Mille Lacs since 1998, has been named Interim General Manager. Brad replaces Robert Johnson, who recently resigned from the position.

Before serving as Assistant General Manager, Brad worked as Vice President of Facilities at Grand Casino Mille Lacs for two years.

Women's Conference Coming to Grand Casino Mille Lacs

By Julie O'Neil, Program Designer, Corporate Commission Education and Performance

The first annual Today's Woman, Tomorrow's Future Conference will be held Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9 at the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events & Convention Center, sponsored by the Mille Lacs Band Corporate Commission. The mission of the conference is to provide women of all cultures the tools to enlighten, strengthen and pamper while discovering their inner potential.

The event will include

speeches and presentations designed to help women improve their personal and professional lives and enhance their spirituality. Topics include time management, balancing work and family life, treatments for depression, how to cope with divorce, traditional healing, an interactive yoga session, and much more.

On Thursday evening for an additional small fee, participants can go fishing, treasure mapping, take part in a Northwoods cooking demonstration and tasting, or take an

essential oils workshop. Each of these events will feature gifts and prizes, and materials and any necessary transportation will be provided.

The conference will also include vendors geared toward helping women, and a fashion show and makeovers on Friday afternoon.

This will be a great place to meet women from this area and beyond! To ask questions or get additional registration forms, call 800/746-9805 and ask for conference registration.

REGISTER TODAY!

Please complete 1 (one) form per person or submit additional names on a separate sheet with all information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

REGISTER FOR 1 DAY OR BOTH DAYS:

- Thursday, August 8, 2002 \$75.00
- Friday, August 9, 2002 \$75.00
- Thursday & Friday \$150.00

ATTEND FULL CONFERENCE (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) & SAVE MONEY WITH EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

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- Call 800-746-9805 and ask for Conference Registration or
- Mail form and check (payable to MLB Corporate Commission) to:

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700 Grand Avenue
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