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Incumbents prevail in tribal election

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The incumbents swept this year's elections for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Kevin Dupuis Sr. will serve a second term as chairman of the Reservation Business Committee, defeating challenger Bryan (Bear) Bosto with 575 votes (69 percent) to Bosto's 255 (31 percent).

Wally Dupuis was re-elected as



Primary final

Not much changed in primary election results from Aug. 11 after 82 mailed ballots were counted. Story on **Back Page**.

RBC District I Committeeperson, with 345 votes (60 percent) to Je-roam Defoe's 232 (40 percent).

RBC District III Representative Roger Smith Sr. was already sworn

in for another term on July 8, after winning more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary election.

Absentee ballots were a major factor in this year's Fond du Lac elections, although more than half of the votes still came in person on Election Day Tuesday, Aug. 18.

In District I, Defoe actually took one more vote than Wally Dupuis at the polls — 150 to 149 — but Dupuis had more than twice the absentee ballots, at 196 to 82 for Defoe, who

is now finishing up a business degree at the College of St. Scholastica.

Kevin Dupuis Sr. took more votes at both the polls and via absentee ballots.

A total of 837 out of 3,440 eligible voters participated in the reservation election, or 24.33 percent.

The vote came as the reservation is dealing with its first reports of positive tests for Covid-19. As of Monday, nine cases had been found on tribal land.

FAST, FURIOUS STORM PUMMELS COUNTY



Strong winds that toppled hundreds of trees across Carlton County was one aspect of a short but wild storm Friday night. All the ingredients for a powerful summer storm were in place. Above, a line of pines were toppled at Elim Lutheran Church and its cemetery. Left, a tree damage electrical boxes on School Avenue by Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlton. **For a story and more pictures from the storm, see today's Extra section on Page 9.**

Photos by Paula King, Amber Nichols

Leaving school job with a smile

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A long chapter in the history of the Cloquet school district ended Friday when Bonnie Monfeldt retired. Monfeldt served as executive assistant to the superintendent the past two decades and was part of almost every major decision over that time. One can only wonder at the volumes of meeting minutes and notes she has typed up over the years.

Only the fifth executive assistant in the school district's 95 years of existence, Monfeldt worked for four superintendents — one of them twice.



Russell Smith was the superintendent when Monfeldt started with the district in 2000. He retired and was replaced by longtime principal John Langenbrunner for a year-and-a-half, then Smith returned for six months until Ken Scarbrough was hired. "They're all different in their own ways, but they are all very hard workers," she said.

Monfeldt called Smith a great friend and mentor.

"He worked 24/7 and always, always had the best interest of the students in his heart," she said. Smith founded and still serves on the board of the Cloquet Educational Foundation.

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