

# Bois Forte News



Slow the spread so we can stay in school together.



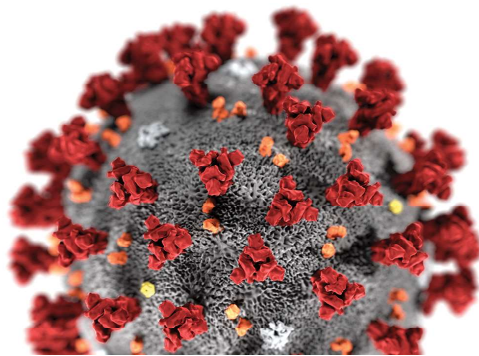
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## ZERO New Cases Reported for Bois Forte

It is with a grateful heart, that there has not been a report of a new case of COVID-19 in the Bois Forte Community since September 14, 2020. (Knock on Wood, Cross Your Fingers, Wish Upon a Star). Bois Forte received notice from the Community Health Nurse in

June of our first positive case on the Reservation, that case has since recovered. On August 20, 2020, it was announced that there were three new confirmed cases of COVID-19

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## Tribes Lead on COVID-19

Shared identity, respect for Elders create a foundation for an effective response

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Across northern Minnesota, Tribal governments have shown remarkable leadership in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. As we've

reported here, the Bois Forte Band has been out front locally in their efforts to inform, test, and respond to outbreaks of the disease on the reservation.

The Bois Forte have

established strict protocols for slowing the spread of the coronavirus, by instituting a mask requirement at their facilities, including Fortune Bay Resort Casino, and they did so long before Gov. Tim Walz issued such an order statewide. They've been using temperature checks at the entrance to the Fortune Bay compound to screen out those who are potentially ill and they've regularly

set up community testing for both Band members and the general public. And they've been aggressive in keeping band members who do test positive quarantined at home. At the same time, they've been remarkably transparent about their approach to the disease and about informing the public when band members do test positive.

We wish there were as much transparency off the Reservation. While, as we've seen, such an approach does not guarantee success in completely controlling the pandemic, the sense of community and respect for Elders that permeates native culture in Minnesota ensures that Tribal governments take COVID-19 seriously.

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# Nett Lake C-Store to Receive a Makeover

The Tribal Council has shared that the C-Store in Nett Lake is being considered to receive a much-needed makeover. Neither a date nor design has been set but the below images show a mockup of woodland style floral designs.



## Coronavirus

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on the Reservation. This small and scary outbreak continued for 26 days and thankfully, all cases have recovered. The Tribal Council and members of the Tribal Emergency Response Committee have been working diligently to slow the spread of this terrible virus. In addition to the hard work of the Council and TERC, hats off to the members of the community for doing their part in keeping the Coronavirus at bay - as Bois Forte has been case free for over fifteen days. As of Thursday, September

23, 2020, Bois Forte has a cumulative count of 17; 10 in Nett Lake, 7 in Vermilion, and zero active cases.

Even though the case count on the Reservation has stalled, this does not mean it is time to become complacent and lower our guard. On the contrary, it is time to continue to be strong and vigilant practicing all precautionary measures – slowing the spread of COVID-19 into our communities. Wear a mask, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer like it is going out of style, and stay six feet apart. Remember to stay strong, be healthy, and share kindness.

## Tribes Lead

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At a time when so much of American society is bitterly divided, we can take a lesson from the common purpose that is so frequently on display on our northern Minnesota Reservations. While the Reservations certainly have their contentious battles at times, they also have a shared sense of identity that keeps those divisions from becoming self-destructive.

That sense of identity with a community in which we live is, sadly, fading from the broader American culture, as too many of us find our identity in disparate online groups or among Facebook “friends,” many of whom we’ve never met. We have increasingly isolated ourselves in political silos, where we only talk to those with whom we agree and demonize those who don’t share our convictions.

The loss of community in the broader American society reflects a concerted effort by some of our political and opinion leaders in recent decades to discourage such thinking. While,

for much of our history, Americans banded together to create community, in more recent years we have been sold the myth of “rugged individualism,” as if this nation was somehow built by cantankerous mountain men. That, of course, is nonsense, dreamt up in Hollywood, bearing little relation to American history. It was common effort and a focus on the greater good (at least the greater good of those of European ancestry) that built America. Today, consideration of the greater good has all but vanished from America, for any group, in favor of self-interest.

Fortunately, despite the many challenges that life on the Reservation still presents, Band members are buoyed by a shared identity that keeps a broad majority paddling in the same direction.

Traditional respect for their Elders is another reason that native Tribes take the COVID-19 pandemic so seriously. This is a disease that has hit the elderly very hard— and native culture does not share the view of some in our nation’s capital who have suggested the deaths of the elderly don’t really matter. Reverence for the Elders is built into native culture and it manifests itself in the case of the pandemic with a sense of shared responsibility to keep Elders safe from harm.

In that sense, it should be no surprise that Tribal governments have shown leadership in the face of the coronavirus. Native culture, in general, builds a foundation of identity, community, and respect, that makes a coordinated response possible. These are values that the rest of America desperately needs.



# Bois Forte COVID-19 Assistance Programs to Check out



## Bois Forte 'Safe Shelter' Assistance Program

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council by Resolution No. 40-2021 established the Bois Forte Safe Shelter Program to provide specific one-time emergency household assistance to Band members to encourage them to stay at home during the COVID-19 public health emergency and protect themselves from exposure to the virus.

Applications have been mailed out to Band members. [ *another great reason to keep your address up to date with Enrollment, so you do not miss out* ] You can download the guidelines and application from [www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com).

If you have any questions about the information in this Summary or any other Program details or requirements, please contact Ed Villebrun, Beverly "Mitz" Steel, or Gabby King by phone at 218-757-3261, e-mail: [CovidAssistance@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:CovidAssistance@boisforte-nsn.gov), or by fax at 218-757-0116.

## Bois Forte COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program

The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program provides housing assistance payments to help prevent eviction, prevent homelessness, and maintain housing stability for eligible renters and homeowners. Bois Forte is one of the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program local administrators working with individuals located in Carlton, Koochiching & St. Louis County.

Learn more: **Call 211** or 1.800.543.7709, 651.291.0211 go to [www.211unitedway.org](http://www.211unitedway.org) on the webpage select MN HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, or text "MNRENT" or "MNHOM" to 898-211. More information available [www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com).

## A New Journey



O-zha-waa-shkoo-bi-nayse  
(Blue Thunder Spirit)

O-zha-waa-shkoo-bi-nayse (Blue Thunder Spirit)

Dillon James Goodsky Sr., age 35 of Minneapolis, Minnesota journeyed to the Spirit World on Sunday, September 6, 2020 in Minneapolis.

He was born on December 2, 1984 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Reno Sutton, Lana Goodsky and his Pa, Vince Ellis.

Dillon loved his family more than anything. He was always there for anyone that needed him. If he was invited to something he would always show up or if you called him, he'd always answer. He looked out for those he loved and he took pride in being that man. He loved cracking jokes and having a good time. He was the best big brother any of his siblings could've ever asked for. They all looked up to him as a mentor. He loved all of his children, nieces, and nephews. He joked a lot with everyone but he always made sure they knew how much he loved them. Dillon enjoyed life! He loved to fish and hunt. If you knew Dillon you knew how much he loved tattoos.

His protective nature brought him to step up and become a Little Earth Protector. He was so proud of the warrior he was, we all were! The people he worked with protecting the community became his extended family. Rover I will be retired in his honor.

Dillon is survived by his children: Dillon Goodsky Jr., Wesley Goodsky, Reno Goodsky, Leondre Goodsky, Chevelle Goodsky, Jayden Stahl, Savannah Goodsky, Reagan Goodsky, Bryar Goodsky, Zakoya Goodsky, Aviana Goodsky and Araya Goodsky; brothers: Jarvis Goodsky, Jory Pottery, Todd Goodwin, Paxton Goodsky, Lance Mitchell, Donovan Swan, Jordan Goodsky, Craig Goodsky, Cameron Fisher, Lumbar boys; sisters: Rachel Hanson-Barrientez, Amanda Sutton, Jaime

Hanson, Alyssa Goodwin, Danielle Goodwin, Lacey Leith, Marissa Goodsky, Alexa Goodsky, Megan Wilson, Jenny Goodsky; uncles: Leon Goodsky, Hank Sutton, Walter Sutton Jr, Brandon Benner, Eddie Villebrun, Warren Villebrun, Curt Goodsky, Gene Goodsky, Gordon Boswell, Joe LaRose, Sarge Lumbar; aunts: Tammy Strong, Natalie Goodsky, Lela Correa, Dianna Goodsky, Brenda Hanson, Mary Hanson, Sharon Sutton, Sharon Jackson, Mavis Boswell, Cheryl (Pud) Boswell, Lori Ellis, Pam Ellis, Annette Ellis, Denise and Deb Lumbar, Michelle Fisher, Audrey Lumbar, Lisa LaRose and Sharon Rose; Grandparents: Lela Goodsky and Henry Goodsky

He was preceded in death by his dad, Reno Sutton, grandparents Walt Sutton Sr. and Eva Sutton.

An all-night wake will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 1910 E.M. Stately Street, Little Earth Community, Minneapolis, Minnesota beginning at 6:00 P.M. An all-night wake will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at The Alma Lumbar Residence, 11046 Sugar Bush Trail, Orr, Minnesota beginning at 3:00 P.M. A funeral service for Dillon Goodsky will be held on Saturday September 12, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at The Alma Lumbar Residence.

The Officiant will be Allen Hardy.

Honorary Casket Bearers will be Little Earth Protectors, Henry Sutton, Walter Sutton Jr, Leon Goodsky, and Robert Fairbanks, Sr.

Casket Bearers will be Daniel Barrientez, Todd Goodwin Jr., Paxton Goodsky, Darrell Taylor, Conrad King, Lance Mitchell, Donovan Swan, and Dan Lumbar Sr.

Interment will be held at The Goodsky Family Cemetery, Orr, Minnesota.

The Chilson Funeral Home assisted the family with funeral arrangements. On-line condolences can be directed to [www.thechilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.thechilsonfuneralhome.com)

## A New Journey



Roger A. Whiteman Sr.

Roger Allan Whiteman, Sr. "Sid", 66, of Indian Point Orr, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Monday, August 31, 2020 in his home after a very brief battle with cancer.

Sid was born on September 3, 1953 in Littlefork, Mn. He grew up in a large family of brothers and sisters, cousins, and extended family in Nett Lake. In 1974, Sid married his high school sweetheart Joni Hanson and they went on to have a beautiful family, raising four children, two very special nephews and numerous memorable animals; Yeller, Carl the crow who he nicknamed Rocko, Rocko- the crow actually named Rocko, his Parakeet named Rocko, and his special pups, Vegas, Mukwa, and Makoon who he affectionately called Bugsy.

A trendsetter before its time... he never worried about what others thought because in his mind, he knew cool (no one would argue with that!). Stoic, loyal, meticulous, head strong, fun-loving, creative, resourceful, knowledgeable (he knew the definition of words that most of us had NEVER heard of!!!), and fiercely protective of his family; his kids will lovingly remember him by his "when I was a kid" stories; impromptu karate moves and wrestling matches; saving his farts in a jar; his one-way quarrels with Alex Trebec over the correct answers on Jeopardy; his many, many conspiracies; knowing all things birds; was known by many different names: Zeke, Sidney, Radar, Grasshopper, Ziggy, Side Bank, Sid-Vicious, Master Splinter, Poopsie, Pops, and his most cherished, PaPa. In return, he was very good at giving nicknames- here are just a few: Rocko (obviously), Radar, Arm, Nest, Al, Burford, M, Nails, Venom, NutHouse, Squirt...

Sid was a probation officer in the late 70's at Bois Forte, a certified auto mechanic, a talented carpenter, worked road construction, and served as an appointed representative on the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council in the 90's; and during

his retirement years was most well known as "the Friendly Ambassador of Orr". His family will always remember him for his wonderfully home cooked meals, most notably his "Papa's Baked Beans".

Although stricken with Polio in his childhood, which affected his everyday activities from that day forward, Sid was an extraordinary athlete; just a few months ago, Orr High School basketball Coach William "Bill" King said that Sid was the "most coordinated athlete that he had ever coached". Always the smallest on the team, he was ALWAYS the fastest and could jump the highest. People from far and wide knew Sid for his athletic feats during high school on the basketball court and during adulthood in the softball field. His good buddy Dave hit the nail on the head with these words:

"Sid was a ballplayer. Oh ya helluva ballplayer. Sid roamed the outfield like Willie Mays. Maybe not as dark, close though...jk... Anyway... Fast? You bet. Sid could lickity split grab a ball hit high off the center-left fence and arm a line drive to home plate in time to nail the guy hustling from third. Who else could do that? I was glad Sid was on my team. How about golf? Oh ya, helluva golfer. Star of the mighty all shinob (one adopted), ragtag, beer drinking, 5th (or was it 6th) hole smoke break ZZ Pop golf team. That's right ZZ Pop. Sid gave us that name and zig zags and pop tops was our game. Yessir, we shook it up in Buyck that summer. Took first place in the league, took first place in the tournament and Sid was unbeaten the entire season. ZZ Pop outplayed, outdrank and after an accidental stumble through the bar screen door....was nearly outlawed at the Vermilion Fairways. How about stubborn? Oh ya Sid is one stubborn fella. One of the local bars could tell you. One of the bar's best customers, about every day Sid would drop by to read the paper and have a beer. Management made the grave mistake of disrespecting Sid's sweetheart Joni one day and that was it.....Sid said he'd never have a beer at that bar again. Far as I know, he never did. Oh, you could ask Otis if Sid is stubborn. Sid likes his beer and there's only two beer joints in Orr. That don't matter when you

refuse service to Sid's nephew, an Active Duty Navy Sailor of proper age with a proper ID. Now that ticked Sid off. And you don't wanna tick Sid off. Sid said he'd never have a beer at that bar again. Far as I know, he never did. Talk about ticking Sid off. How about the time, years ago, when the newly elected Chairman at the time came into the bar one evening a couple sheets to the wind. Joni was bartending and there were half dozen Band members having a beer. The then Chairman started spouting off about firing this person and that person until Sid had enough. He was ticked. He stood up and poked his finger in the Chairman's chest right out the door. No, you don't wanna tick Sid off...."

Survived by his sweetheart of 46 years, Joni; children: favorite daughter Sidra Starkovich, golden boy Roger Whiteman Jr. (Stephanie Balich); favorite daughter Angeline King (Troy); favorite daughter April Anderson (Joe); and special nephews, who he raised as sons, Jason Ballinger and Michael Whiteman. 11 very special Grandchildren: Bryan (Trey Tahija), Brady and Brant (nicknamed by papa as Rocko) Boutto; Zachary and Lauren Whiteman and Cameron Fisher; Dylan and Genesis Day; Brandon, Mason, and Mia Anderson, as well as several bonus grandchildren. Siblings: Marilyn Geshick, Jerome Whiteman, Wm "Bill" (Julie) Whiteman, Eugene "Jr" Whiteman, Deb Whiteman, Steven Whiteman, Milton "Beanie" Barto, Rodney Barto, Ernie (Rene) Barto, Frank (Linda) Barto, Donna (Bill) Hoffer, Annette Howe (Patrick), Angela "Mousie" (Scott) Wright, Cecile "No-No's" Shauer (Mike), Johnny (Karen) Barto, Violet "Bitties" (Lars) Gabrielson and far too many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and even great-great nieces and nephews to even try to name, but he loved them all the same!

Preceding him in his Journey were Parents- Angeline (Wein) and Eugene Whiteman, Ernie and Rosie Barto; In-Laws- Roy and Jean Hanson; Sisters- Edna Whiteman, Margaret (Tine) Whiteman, Mary Fairbanks, Linda Spires, and Ernestine (Ticker) Stanley.

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## A New Journey



Marilyn F. Geshick

Marilyn Frances Geshick, 74, of Nett Lake, MN began her journey on Sunday, September 13, 2020 in Duluth, MN

Marilyn was born to Eugene Whiteman Sr. and Angeline (Wein) Whiteman on July 24,

1946 in Cloquet, MN. Marilyn grew up in Nett Lake and attended school at Nett Lake and Orr High School, and attended college at Rainy River, earning a secretarial certificate. Before retiring, she worked as a cook for headstart & elementary in Nett Lake, secretary at Housing, Postal Clerk at Nett Lake- Clerk at MSC and Bingo Caller at Fortune Bay, and most recently a Cook at the Elderly Nutrition Center. Marilyn loved going casino-hopping with her best bud and official partner in crime, Floyd Morrison. She enjoyed her Thursday evening bingo at VFW in Cook and a good Friday night Smear game in Orr at the

Legion. She was a big supporter of elementary and high school events, ready to pitch in for any fundraisers and cheer on students far and wide. Her devotion to education was evident in her 28 years serving on the Nett Lake School Board (since 1992). She was extremely fond of her daughters, and fiercely devoted the grandkids. Her best times were spent overseeing them in hunting, fishing and gathering activities, and she was proud to see them keeping tradition alive.

Marilyn was at her best and happiest when she was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Marilyn was very happy, outgoing and upbeat. She had a goofy sense of humor, sharing her quick wit and tons of laughs with family and friends. She was persistent and a good motivator and sometimes a little bossy, but in a very loving way. She was truly cherished and will be missed by many.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Edna Whiteman, Roger Whiteman Sr., Margaret Whiteman, Mary Fairbanks, Linda

Whiteman; and a great-grandchild, Jasmine Drift.

Marilyn is survived by her siblings: Jerome, Bill, Eugene Jr, Debbie, and Steve; her children: Douglas Whiteman, Angela Geshick (William LaRoque), Robin Geshick, Tara Geshick, Merrilee (Mark) Littlewolf; grandchildren: Nicholas, Marion, Anthony, Tracey, Amber (Noah), Dallas, Mark (Kerie), Marshall, Jordan, Marissa (Adrienne), Alexa (Alyssa), Bryleigh, Preston (Katana), Isaiah, Brandon; great-grandchildren: Malaya, Addison, Xiomara, Izik, Jade, Kayla, Aleesia, Camden, Journey, Matthias, Macy, Maleah, Maurice, and Myles.;and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A wake will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Nett Lake school, Nett Lake, MN. The service will be held the following day, Friday, September 18, 2020 at 10:00am, also at the school. To leave an online condolence visit [www.mlakerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mlakerfuneralhome.com)

## R. Whiteman Sr.

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Sid requested no services or memorial; but the family will be gathering on September 3rd, for his 67th birthday party which was planned a few weeks ago by him. Instead of celebrating him turning 67, we will be celebrating his amazing life and share even more stories about Pops, Poopsie, Papa, Sweetheart, or whatever name for him may have tumbled out of any of our mouths over his lifetime.

The family would like to express their extreme and heartfelt gratitude for those who were able to stop in to visit during Sid's last days and would like to remind everyone of just how short and precious life is. A smile and little bit of friendliness goes a long long ways; don't wait til the last minute to visit; and don't be afraid to say "I love you". To leave an online condolence visit [www.mlakerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mlakerfuneralhome.com)

## Purchased Referred Care

The PRC new year is starting October 1st so please turn in your PRC applications as soon as possible. Contact information is below:

### Vermilion Clinic

Kristal Strong  
1613 Farm Raod South  
Tower, MN 55790  
218-753-2182

[kristal.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:kristal.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov)

### Nett Lake Clinic

Destinie Villebrun  
5219 St. John Drive  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
218-757-3650

[destinie.villebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:destinie.villebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov)

If you currently are getting benefits from a MN state program, please check to be sure that your account, employment, and income is up-to-date. This can include SNAP, Medical Assistance, and MNCare.



## Voting Population

34%

Not Registered to Vote

American Indians and Alaska Natives reported a higher not registered to vote rate as compared to 26.5% of not registered to vote non-Hispanic Whites.

1.2 Million  
Not Registered to Vote

34% of the total AI/AN population over age 18, alone or in combination with another race, are not registered to vote - this equals approximately 1.2 million potential new eligible voters.

## Lower Turnout

The turnout rate among American Indian and Alaska Native registered voters is 1 to 10 percentage points lower than the rate of other racial and ethnic groups.

Source: Wang, T. (2012). *Ensuring Access to the Ballot for American Indians & Alaska Natives: New Solutions to Strengthen American Democracy*. New York, NY: Demos. (Figure 1).  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2010). *Race for the Population 18 Years and Over*.



FAST FACTS

# Top 15 States with the Highest Populations of Voting-Age Natives

The power of the Native Vote has been significant in state, local, and important national races.



800,000

60,000

178,000

With endorsements from 12 tribal nations, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) was narrowly elected in 2000, creating a 50-50 tie in the US Senate.

104,000

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) credits her victory in the 2010 election to the significant power of the Alaska Native vote. With over 100,000 write-in votes, she was only the 2nd successful US Senate write-in candidate.

97,000

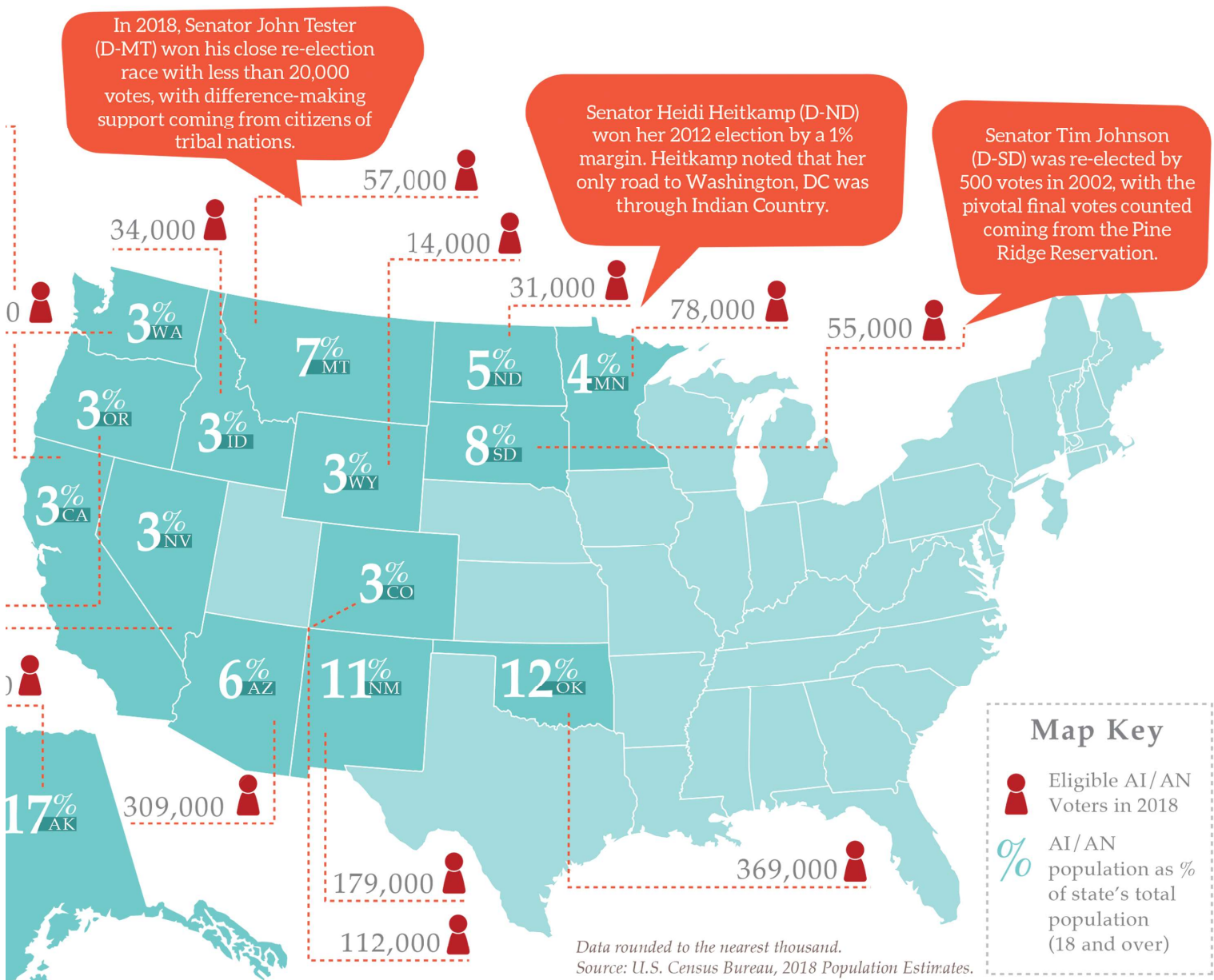
Minnesota

Find your county election office:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office>

Who is on my ballot?

<https://candidates.sos.state.mn.us/>



**Minnesota: St. Louis County - All township residents can vote in-person at the County Auditor's Office at the following locations:**

Duluth Courthouse – drop box available at the 2nd Street entrance 100 North 5th Avenue West Duluth, MN 55802-1293 (218) 726-2385	Virginia Government Services Center – drop box available 201 South 3rd Avenue West Virginia, MN 55792 (218) 749-7104	There are two options, the voter can place their ballot in the drop box or they can deliver it in-person during the hours listed below. Mon - Fri: 8am - 4:30 pm Saturday October 31: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday November 2: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
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**Minnesota: Koochiching County**

Koochiching County  
 General phone: 218-283-1112  
 Website: <http://www.co.koochiching.mn.us/>  
 Koochiching County Courthouse  
 715 4th St  
 International Falls, MN 56649

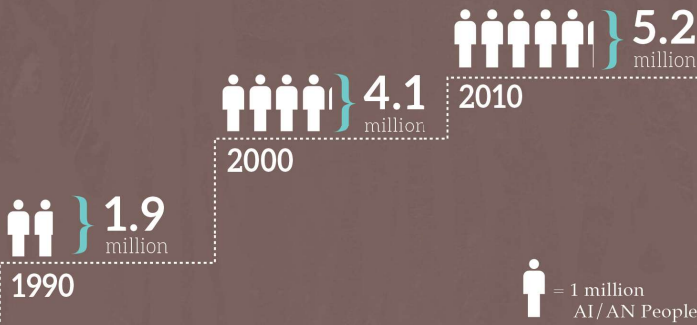
**MN: St. Louis County Cities who offer in-person absentee voting.**

Cook 127 S. River Street, Cook, 55723 (218) 666-2200  
 Ely 209 E Chapman St, Ely, 55731 (218) 226-5474  
 Eveleth 413 Pierce St, Eveleth, 55734 (218) 744-7563  
 Hibbing 401 E 21st St, Hibbing, 55746 (218) 262-3486  
 Tower 602 Main Street Tower, 55790 (218) 733-4070

**More Info:** [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov)



**Increase in American Indian and Alaska Native US Populations**



**Key Issues that Bring Native People to the Ballot Box**



- Tribal Government Sovereignty
- Indian Child Welfare
- Education
- Water
- Energy
- Gaming
- Environmental Impact Issues
- Federal Budget & Spending



**Elected Representation in US Government**

**4 Native US Representatives**

*If representation in Congress was proportional to the US Native population, we would have 2 Native Senators and 8 Native members of the House.*

	Actual	Proportional
Senate	0	2
House	4	8

**73 Native State Legislators**

<b>Alaska</b> 8 Native Legislators	<b>Minnesota</b> 3 Native Legislators	<b>Oregon</b> 1 Native Legislators
<b>Arizona</b> 6 Native Legislators	<b>Montana</b> 11 Native Legislators	<b>South Dakota</b> 5 Native Legislators
<b>California</b> 2 Native Legislators	<b>New Mexico</b> 8 Native Legislators	<b>Tennessee</b> 1 Native Legislators
<b>Kansas</b> 1 Native Legislators	<b>North Carolina</b> 1 Native Legislators	<b>Utah</b> 1 Native Legislators
<b>Kentucky</b> 1 Native Legislators	<b>North Dakota</b> 3 Native Legislators	<b>Washington</b> 4 Native Legislators
<b>Maine</b> 1 Native Legislators	<b>Oklahoma</b> 13 Native Legislators	<b>Wyoming</b> 2 Native Legislators
<b>Maryland</b> 1 Native Legislators		



Source: NCSL (2019)



**National Congress of American Indians**  
 Embassy of Tribal Nations  
 1516 P Street NW | Washington, DC 20005  
[www.NCAI.org](http://www.NCAI.org) | [www.NativeVote.org](http://www.NativeVote.org)



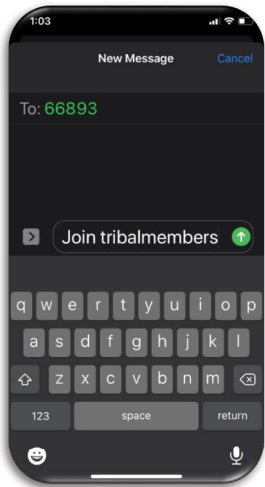
# Bois Forte Band Members

Sign up to receive important texts and email notifications!

## Join Text Alerts

Text: **join tribalmembers** to **66893**

The system will reply with an acknowledgement that you have joined the group.



## Add Your Email

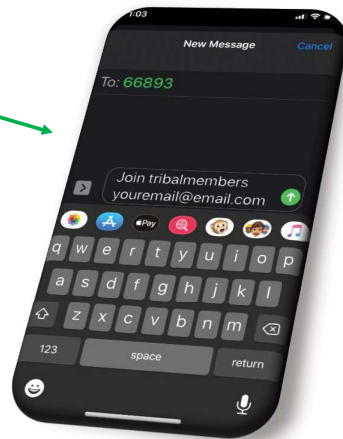
Text: **join tribalmembers**  
**youremail@email.com\*** to **66893**

\*enter your email address

You will now be set to receive text messages and emails.

### Need help signing up?

Email Nikki at [nirving@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:nirving@boisforte-nsn.gov)  
Text Nikki at **218-410-3340**



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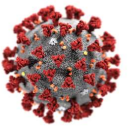
# NOTICE No Garbage Dumping



COMMUNITY CLEANUP HAS ENDED FOR THE YEAR. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT DUMPING TRASH/GARBAGE ON THE RESERVATION YOU WILL BE FINED.

**No Dumping Allowed**

# Understanding COVID-19 Terms



### Close (Direct) Contact

Close contact is being WITHIN 6 feet of a person for AT LEAST 15 minutes, or living in the same household (using the same bathroom, kitchen and living areas).

Examples of close contact are: if you work in confined places with others and do not wear masks, eating lunch within 6 feet of a person who has a positive COVID test result or talking with someone on a smoke break without a mask on and within 6 feet of that person. Kissing, sharing a drink or food, and hugging.

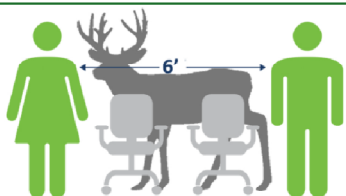
Examples of no close contact: passing someone in the hall at work, you both have your masks on and all you do is say "Hello" and move on with your day or talking with someone closer than 6 feet, but less than 15 minutes.

### Isolation

Isolation is when someone has COVID and they are directed to stay home and away from others, that means everybody (unless they have to isolate with their family). Generally 10 days of isolation.

### Quarantine

When someone who is not sick but has been exposed to someone that is positive for COVID and has to stay away from others. Generally 14 days. IF a person has symptoms or becomes positive while in Quarantine this will change the situation.



# Social Distancing at Work

Slow the spread of COVID-19



### Bois Forte Tribal Council

Shane Drift - District I Representative  
 Peter Boney - District II Representative  
 Cathy Chavers - Chairwoman  
 David C. Morrison Sr. - Secretary/Treasurer  
 Travis Morrison - District I Representative

### Bois Forte Tribal Offices

Bois Forte Tribal Government  
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*\*is the best way of contact during the  
 Coronavirus Pandemic.*

### LEGAL NOTICE In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children's Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of A.J.D., DOB: 07/26/2003, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Tanya Lynn Deegan and Bartholamy Jake Drift, Parents. Court File No. 16 512JV

To: The above-named Respondents, Tanya Lynn Deegan and Bartholamy Jake Drift, Parents of A.J.D., Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby Given that a petition to transfer permanent legal and physical custody was filed in the Bois Forte Tribal Court on September 15, 2020. A hearing on the above petition will be held on October 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the Bois Forte Children's Court, Bois Forte Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772. This matter will again be heard on November 10, 2020 at 11:40 a.m. Central Standard Time.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED BY THIS SUMMONS AND NOTICE THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING AT THE ABOVE DATE, TIME AND PLACE. YOUR FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING GRANTED FOR THE PETITIONER.

By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge  
 Wendy Morrison Thompson, Clerk of Court  
 Attorney for Petitioner, Rebecca McConkey-Greene  
 12907 Palmquist Road | P.O. Box 25  
 Nett Lake, MN 55772  
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### LEGAL NOTICE In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children's Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of K.L.J.D., DOB: 01/19/2015, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Tanya Lynn Deegan and Timothy David Connor, Parents. Case File No. 16 512JV

To: The above-named Respondents, Tanya Lee Deegan and Timothy David Connor, Parents of K.L.J.D., Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby Given that a petition for long term foster care was filed in the Bois Forte Tribal Court on August 21, 2020. A hearing on the above petition will be held on October 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the Bois Forte Children's Court, Bois Forte Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772. This matter will again be heard on November 10, 2020 at 11:40 a.m. Central Standard Time.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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Tribal Children's Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of J.L.M.,  
DOB: 03/04/2008 & M.L.W.M-P.,  
DOB:10/08/2015, Bois Forte Band of  
Chippewa, Department of Family Health  
Services, Petitioner, v. Cheyanna Sue-Marie  
Medicine, Kaleb Daniel Riggs, and Armondo  
Perez, Parents. Court File No. 20 795JV

To: Any man who may come forward as the  
father of J.L.M., Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby Given  
that a child in need of protective services  
petition was filed in Bois Forte Tribal Court  
on August 21, 2020. A hearing on the above  
petition will be held on October 13, 2020,  
at 1:40 p.m. Central Standard Time, or as  
soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at  
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Chippewa, Department of Family Health  
Services, Petitioner, v. Cheyanna Sue-Marie  
Medicine, Kaleb Daniel Riggs, Armondo  
Perez, Parents. Court File No. 20 795JV

To: The above-named Respondent, Armondo  
Perez, Parent of M.L.W.M-P., Minor Child

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## BOIS FORTE MEDICAL & DENTAL CLINICS

### RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Masks are required to enter all  
Health Buildings.

Currently, the Clinics are NOT  
accepting Walk-in Appointments.  
PLEASE CALL AHEAD to the Medical  
or Dental Clinics to schedule an  
appointment.

**Nett Lake Clinic: (218)757-3650**  
**Vermilion Clinic: (218)753-2182**

If you have an appointment in the  
clinic, we are limiting accompanying  
visitors to 1 parent or guardian with a  
child or vulnerable adult.

For patients over the age of 18, there  
will be a limit of just the patient and  
provider per clinic visit.

## PHARMACY

If you have a  
prescription to pick up  
at the pharmacy;  
please utilize the  
Curbside Pickup  
Service.

When you arrive, call  
the pharmacy and we  
will bring your  
prescription out  
to your vehicle.



**Nett Lake Pharmacy Numbers**  
**Nett Lake: (218)757-0230**  
**Vermilion: (218)753-2180**



# HALLOWEEN & COVID-19 Safety

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.



## LOWER RISK ACTIVITIES

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- 🍎 Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- 🍎 Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- 🍎 Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- 🍎 Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- 🍎 Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- 🍎 Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with

## MODERATE RISK ACTIVITIES

- ★ Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
  - If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.

- ★ Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- ★ Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart. A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
  - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- ★ Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
  - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- ★ Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- ★ Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
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  - Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## Bois Forte News

The *Bois Forte News* (BFN) is published monthly by the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. The BFN encourages submission of articles, community announcements and photos.

Contributions are subject to editing for grammar, length and malicious/libelous content. BFN will attempt to include all material submitted by Band members and guests. Multiple contributions from the same source may be excluded or rotated to future issues to insure equal access to all. For information on paid ads, please contact us. The BFN is distributed for free to Band members and is available to others for \$10 per year.

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Deadline for the  
November issue is  
October 9, 2020.

### Looking to take some Adult Education Classes or get your GED?

**AEOA is offering Adult Basic Education courses that can help you achieve your goals.**

**"Consumer Education" is currently going on now via Zoom. The course looks at job seeking, tax paying, housing and transportation and more. . .**

**Interested in GED Study Prep Courses. . AEOA can help with that too and if you get signed up soon, the state is waiving the GED testing fees at this time.**

**For more information, you can call Melissa Brusacoram at 218-750-2606 or email her at [melissa.brusacoram@aeoa.org](mailto:melissa.brusacoram@aeoa.org) to get signed up. You can also call the Education Office at 218-757-3261 for an enrollment application or information.**

Pathways for learning

- Transition to college
- Career assessment
- Job seeking skills
- GED preparation
- Work-based computer skills
- Reading, writing, math, & spelling
- English Language Learner (ELL)

