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2021 State of the Band

Bois Forte's State of the Band 2021 Not only is January known for its brutal temperatures in northern Minnesota, but it also means it is that time of year where family and friends, close and far, gather in a warm and comfortable setting, Fortune Bay Resort Casino for the State of the Band

Address. Unfortunately, lil' miss Coronavirus herself had other plans for us this year. Last year was a challenge for many, introducing new ways of living life to keep each other safe and healthy. One thing that the pandemic has taught many of us, is how to utilize technology better. Bringing family

and friends closer while keeping the recommended distance of six feet apart. Learning to utilize technology more efficiently was a task brought to many businesses as well, creation of online stores, Zoom meetings, many firsts. Just like the rest of the world Bois Forte had their thinking caps on and were tossed out on

[Read more on 3.](#)



Amayah Littlewolf - Minnesota Army National Guard

Ogichidaakwe Littlewolf A True Pack Leader

Considering the events of the past month it only seems fitting to acknowledge the many Ogichidaakwe (Strong Woman, Warrior Woman) of various colors and walks of life, breaking trail and leading the way. Bois Forte Band Member Amayah Littlewolf is one of those Warrior Women, an inspiration and roll model for Native American Indian girls and numerous others. January 20, 2021

has been forever marked a historical event. In addition to the new President of the United States being sworn into office, so was the first female Vice President, Vice President Kamala Harris. Vice President Harris not only is an inspiration to women around the world, but especially to the many women of color as she herself is from a multiracial (Black/South Asian) descent.

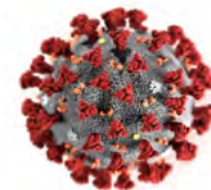
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COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The Moderna Vaccine is now available to **All Bois Forte Band Members ages 18 and older** - no residency restrictions.

[Read more on 8.](#)



Bois Forte COVID-19 Status

Cumulative Cases	48
Vermilion	23
Nett Lake	25
Deaths	0

*as of 1/22/2021



Kamala Harris

Vice President, United States of American

Creator: NOAH BERGER - Credit: AFP/Getty Images

Harris and Littlewolf are among other strong leaders; most recent; Representative Deb Haaland. Representative Haaland is Pueblo of Laguna/Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico. She was the first Native American Woman to be elected to Congress in 2019. This January she was appointed by President Biden to serve as the first Native American Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Interior Department. (Howah!) Also, in 2019, Sharice Davids of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Kansas, was the first Native American LGBTQ elected to serve in the U.S.



Deb Haaland

*United States House of Representatives
New Mexico*

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House of Representatives. (Another Howah!) Last month another Ogichidaakwe, Yvette Herrel, Cherokee – New Mexico, was elected to Congress in 2021.

In the fall of 2020, Amaya Littlewolf was recognized on the Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a GPA of 3.75 or higher. While she pursues a career in medicine, she is active in the Minnesota Army National Guard. In 2019, Today's Military, featured



Sharice Davids

*United States House of Representatives
Kansas*

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Yvette Herrel

*United States House of Representatives
New Mexico*

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her in a video on their YouTube Channel. "Learn how the Army National Guard has given Corporal Amayah Littlewolf the confidence to grow not only as a soldier with great ambitions, but as a mature young adult who makes her mother, Wenona Kingbird, very proud." Amayah was also chosen to be the "Face-of-Inspiration" on recruitment and recognition materials from the Minnesota Army National Guard. (Another Howah!) For those who know a little about Native culture, the question of your lineage is most definitely going to show itself when meeting new people. [So... who is your mom...] Amayah is the daughter of Wenona and Don Kingbird of Red Lake, and granddaughter of Gayle and James D. Littlewolf of Bemidji, and Great granddaughter of Gary and the late Joanne Donald of Tower, MN.

More and more Ogichidaakwe are appearing in leadership roles from your Reservation, community, all the way to the White House. Use these leaders as inspiration, take that step forward – though scary - you will succeed as well. It may take a little



Amayah Littlewolf - Minnesota Army National Guard

work but as these women have shown, it can be done.

Resources and Links:
Today's Military YouTube Channel
https://youtu.be/jx_9bka9qJQ

Ojibwe Word of the Day Ogichidaa, Ogichidaakwe 'a warrior, a veteran; a ceremonial headman or woman' James Vukelich, YouTube Channel https://youtu.be/yxMvqqn_B-A

<p>Vermilion PHARMACY 218-753-2182</p>	<p>BOTH LOCATIONS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC</p>	<p>Nett Lake PHARMACY 218-757-0230</p>
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to the road with out any training wheels. The Bois Forte State of the Band, once a wonderful way to see old friends and family, to enjoy a nice meal, and absorb Tribal government information, has now entered the “firsts” category as the event was completely virtual. Over the years as the event grew in attendance, seating became an issue and not everyone could gather and enjoy the event in one place. This was very difficult not only in the planning aspect but on hearts and hopes of enjoyment of the event as in previous years. This year’s State of the Band was sure missing something or “Something Else,” our people (pun intended). The event did not have that warm, familiar, and comforting feeling it usually has that the many hugs and laughter brought. The decision to hold the event virtually was done to keep all our friends and relatives healthy so we may gather next time, hug, laugh, and share how nice it is to be back together.

In addition to hosting the event virtually, it was the first for Bois Forte to hold such a large event through video. Sure, they have streamed the event live before, but this was a bit different – not to mention how streaming holds its own list of glitches and issues. It was decided that this year the State of the Band would be recorded, instead of live, to keep pandemic safety protocol. The State of the Band was originally scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021, but due to lil’ Miss Coronavirus’s Gremlin lackies also-known-as technical difficulties, it was first postponed from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As the day proceeded, technology unknowns guided the event to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. As the clock was counting

down to 10:00 a.m., the tension was high, fingers were crossed, breaths were held, and masks were fogging up glasses. The Bois Forte State of the Band 2021 video began without an issue and the viewer count was growing.

If you have not had the opportunity to watch the event here is a summary of what was presented at this year’s State of the Band.



*Robbie Goggeye
Executive Director*

The new Executive Director, Robbie Goggeye was the Master of Ceremony, welcoming everyone and introduced Tribal Chairwoman Cathy Chavers who presented her State of the Band Address. The Address began with the reminder that Band members are key in how, and what the Tribe grows into, “This path and our future vision of where we want to be and where we want to go is working effort everyday by the Tribal Council, Tribal Government employees, local, state and federal agencies, legislator, but more importantly is and should be driven by the Band members.” Chavers continued sharing that, “The one major change needed that is not quite visible to Band members, is the need to change our old ways of doing business.” She talked about how it is easy to become complacent patching wounds with Band-Aides instead of addressing the issue directly, “We

continue to have the same problems year after year with no resolve.” Concerns reviewed were the increase of community meetings and meetings covering issues of the C-Store, the Sex Offender Registry. The Bois Forte and St. Louis County Jail agreement is still in process, this agreement will allow Bois Forte prisoners to be jailed at one of the St. Louis County facilities instead of in Sherburne County which is a multi-hour commute. Other items addressed this past year was the implementation of a newly designed website, utilization of Social Media to provide more timely information, the updating of the Tribal Code, and moving forward with the Nett River Dam Project. In past community meetings it was brought up by members of the area regarding expanding access to Bois Forte Health and Human Services to the community. In this address Chavers gladly shared that the Tribal Council passed a resolution and modified their compact with Indian Health Service to open their Medical and Dental Clinics as well as the Vermilion and Nett Lake Pharmacies to all their employees and to the public. She noted that by opening these services it would not impact the services that Band members currently receive. This is a positive thing as the distances between pharmacies and clinics average a 45-minute drive one-way.

As the year began so did the spread of the Coronavirus and in March 2020, Chavers recalled actions that were taken and put in place during the early days of the Coronavirus pandemic. “Our normal world, normal way of doing things even simple things as visiting, eating, hugging, school events, meetings and socializing all came to an abrupt halt. We enacted our Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) implementing our emergency preparedness services.”



*Cathy Chavers
Tribal Chairwoman*

The Tribal Council joined the other Tribes in Minnesota for daily Zoom calls to discuss the impact the Coronavirus was having on each other’s communities, sharing thoughts, ideas, and programs that would assist their Band membership during this challenging time. Chavers noted that the collaboration extended past Tribes to state and federal levels as well. “Important collaborations and partnerships were implemented through telephone calls and later Zoom calls with Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan along with our Representatives and Senators, Senator Smith, Senator Klobuchar, and Representative Stauber’s offices and their liaisons with all 11 Minnesota Tribal leaders to discuss our Tribal needs individually and collaboratively together. All three levels of government working together, and we know for a fact that no other states and Tribes accomplished this.”

The familiar way of conducting business and providing valuable services ended as pandemic restrictions tightened across the nation and at Bois Forte. “We had to determine quickly how to ensure our community, especially Elders and those who have underlying health conditions, Band members, Bois Forte



President Biden Selects Bois Forte Band Member to Join Administration

Robert Anderson Selected as Principal Deputy Solicitor of the Department of the Interior

As President Biden begins his Presidency, the selection of administration team members is no short feat. A daunting task indeed, selecting individuals who reflect the administrations values and goals. Bois Forte Band member Robert “Bob” Anderson is such a person. Mr. Anderson was selected as the new Principal Deputy Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. He began is long extensive career with the Native American Rights Fund as a staff attorney. Mr. Anderson is also a law professor educating and guiding minds in various prestigious entities such as Harvard Law School, and the University of Washington School of Law, where he was also a Director of their Native American Law Center. He has spent years advocating for Native American causes including but not limited to, Native American Law, Public Land, and Water Law. In addition to his list of accomplishments, he was also an Associate Solicitor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and worked with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt under the Clinton Administration.

As the Principal Deputy Solicitor, he is the chief attorney for the Department of Interior and principal legal advisor to the Secretary of the Interior who – Senate Approval Pending – is Representative Deb Haaland. If confirmed by the Senate,



*Robert Anderson
Principla Deputy Solicitor of the Interior
Harvard Law School, Faculty Photo*

she will be the first Native American woman to hold that position and first Native American woman to serve in a Presidential Cabinet!

So, in short, if all goes as planned, Anderson (Bois Forte) and Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna/Jemez Pueblo) will hold strategic and powerful roles in the leading government of the United States of America. Congratulations to Mr. Anderson, we wish you the best as you take on another important position as the new Principal Deputy Solicitor to the Secretary of the Interior – Biden Presidential Administration.

State of the Band

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staff and businesses as well. “Chavers went on to include, “We were still able to operate and provide necessities and services to our people.” As the presentation continued Chairwoman Chavers noted the various actions that were taken to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus in the communities, noting how difficult many of the decisions were to make and that they were not made in haste. “We closed all offices to the general public and established by appointment only for services. Sadly, we also voluntarily closed Fortune Bay Resort Casino on March 18.” Safety and minimizing the spread of the virus was a priority and in so, the Tribal Council along with the consultation with the Tribal Emergency Response Committee, implemented the Stay Safe, Stay Home Order. This order was stated to remain in effect until otherwise stated by the Tribal Council. During Chavers speech she noted, “We implemented the Stay Safe, Stay Home Order in April to encourage Band members to only go out of their homes for their essential needs. This is still in place to this day.”

In the spring of 2020, the CARES Act was distributed to Tribes across the nation. Bois Forte received 6.8 million for COVID-19 relief. The funding was issued through the U.S. Treasury and it included severe constraints on how the money was expended. The

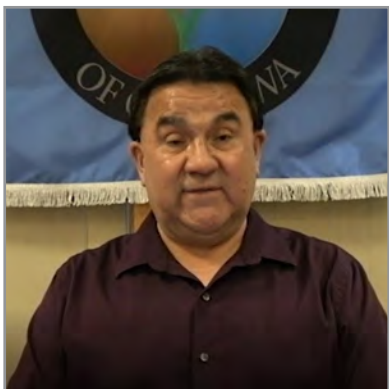
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Tribal Government implemented a significant number of programs and funding to assist the Tribal members such as the COVID-19 Safe Shelter Program and the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program. In addition, the Tribal Council waived 1854 Per Capita garnishments.

As Chavers continued to review the year she noted amongst the pandemic the term ‘systemic racism’ was highlighted in everyday conversations. “George Floyd was unjustly killed in Minneapolis and riots began and other racial tension transpired. This was not only in Minnesota but across the country. These events have brought the racial inequities that not only affect black lives but affect all lives, including our lives.” The murder of George Floyd was the epicenter of the tidal wave that stretched over the world calling for justice inequities to end. The availability of Coronavirus vaccines provided a gleam of hope for many, Chavers expressed, “Native American people have always survived, and we are strong and resilient and have been for many, many years. We will do everything possible to ensure that once we get more and more vaccines that all families who want the vaccine will be able to get it. We must stay positive, help each other and be patient.” The closing of the State of the Band Address included expressing of gratitude towards healthcare workers and those who have put themselves on the frontline as we all fight this pandemic. Chairwoman Chavers closed her address stating, “Chii Miigwech. I wish you and your families stay safe, please wear your masks, social distance – last – wash your hands and avoid large gatherings. We will get through this together.”

[Read more on 5.](#)



*David C. Morrison Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer*

**Secretary/Treasurer,
David Morrison Sr.**

Following Chairwoman Chavers State of the Band Address, each Council member took a few moments to speak to Tribal members. Secretary/Treasurer David Morrison Sr. spoke first, sharing grief of how things used to be, especially during the State of the Band and how he hopes that we can gather in person for the 2022 State of the Band. He mentioned that the State of Minnesota – through Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan - provided each Tribe in Minnesota 1 million dollars. This funding was to help off set the financial impact that closing casinos had on their Tribes, as casinos help fund valuable programs to their communities. “The funding was used to pay the required minimum staff (to operate Fortune Bay), health insurance for staff who

were put on lay off status, casino utilities, and debt services. The Tribal Council did their best to keep staff and their benefits as much as possible.” This was accomplished through Tribal funds, Payroll Protection Programs, and the generous funding from the state.

According to the Secretary/Treasurer, the CARES Act under the U.S. Treasury was made available to Tribes nationwide, however, he noted, “Tribes did not receive the same amount of money as it was based on enrollment and population.” As stated earlier by Chairwoman Chavers, Morrison Sr. reiterated the difficult spending restrictions that were associated with the CARES Act funding and how restrictions were continuously being added or amended making spending that aid within the December 31, 2020 deadline extremely difficult. Later, Congress did recognize the limitations of the restrictions and extended the deadline to spend down the money to December 31, 2021. This extension will allow Bois Forte to utilize the remaining aid - instead of sending the money that was not spent by December 31, 2020 back to the U.S. Treasury – to be used with current and future programs. Morrison Sr. went on to mention that CARES Act programs are being developed by the Tribal Council, Senior Management, and the Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC). He also said that the programs that are developed need to go through a strict eligibility process that involves the Tribal attorney. This is to make sure that expenditure restrictions are met. In closing he recalled the passing of Mark Anderson earlier this year. Mark Anderson was a Band member and served as the Tribal attorney for many years. “We miss him greatly, and all the knowledge and history that he had.”



*Travis Morrison
District I Representative*

**District I Representative
Travis Morrison**

District I Representative Travis Morrison did his best to keep his remarks short and to the point. He stated that the year has been challenging and included many difficult decisions, revealing to them the strengths and weaknesses of the Tribal Government. He also noted that they are addresses those issues.



*Shane Drift
District I Representative*

**District I Representative
Shane Drift**

Shane Drift, District I Representative began by expressing how difficult the year has been and through a silver lining he has seen the community come together. “With this pandemic, I’ve seen our community, our tribe, and our Band members pull together. Band members willing to go shopping for other Band members, Band

members willing to help each other out in time of need. It really hit home and made me feel good.” Drift moved on to talk about the steps the Band is taking to build a financial reserve, expressing the need to continue planning for the future.



*Peter "Chief" Boney
District II Representative*

**District II Representative
Peter “Chief” Boney**

District II Representative, Peter “Chief” Boney, did his best to keep his speech brief. He expressed the importance of continuing to remain safe, to wear masks, social distance, washing hands and staying connected with the Elders. “Take time to call your loved ones, people are suffering, give them a call.” Boney mentioned that the year has been a struggle and like fellow Councilman Morrison, stated that they have, “learned a lot and come a long way.”

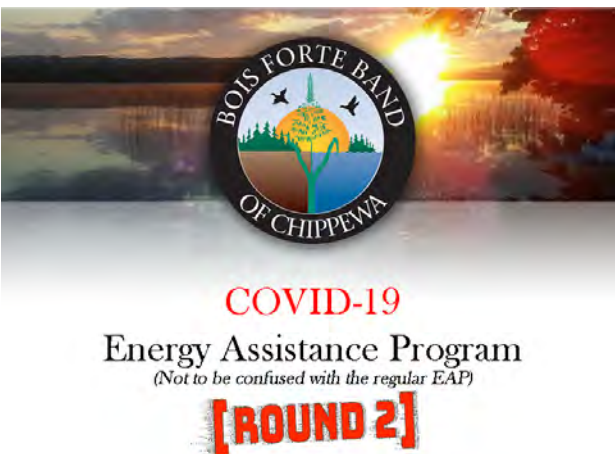
*Note:
The March issue of the
paper will have Director
Reports from the
State of the Band.*

*Watch the State of the Band 2021
on Bois Forte Tribal Government
YouTube channel.*



Bois Forte COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program ROUND 2

Bois Forte COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time emergency energy assistance to eligible members in need due to the loss of income and/or unforeseen and additional energy costs suffered as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Energy Assistance provided under this Program is NOT a per capita or stimulus payment available to all Band Members, rather eligibility for Energy Assistance is limited to those who certified to specific need of Energy Assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and who are not receiving assistance from the Minnesota Low Income Energy Assistance Program (EAP) or the Minnesota COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) or received Energy Assistance help from the first round of Energy Assistance.



**Applications must be received by
4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2021.**

Questions can be directed to the Bois Forte Energy Department at **218-757-3261** or email Travis Vake at **travis.vake@boisforte-nsn.gov**. You can download the application and guidelines at **www.boisforte.com** under COVID-19 Programs and Applications.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Minnesota Agency
2225 Cooperative Court NW, Rm. 300
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-3062

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Introduction: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is considering the approval of four proposed timber sales on federal trust land on the Bois Forte Indian Reservation in Minnesota. A Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) is being prepared in compliance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Brief Description of Proposed Action and Stated Need: The BIA, Minnesota Agency, is proposing to approve timber sales on the following Allotments:

Allotment 522-NL; Portion of Lot 3, Section 7, T64N, R22W, Koochiching County, MN (approximately 24 acres)

Allotment 522A-NL; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 7, T64N, R22W, Koochiching County, MN (approximately 38 acres)

Allotment 486-NL; Portion of S1/2 SW1/4 Section 33, T66N, R22W, Koochiching County, MN (approximately 45 acres)

These timber sales would provide revenue for the Individual Indian owners, income to Tribal members, positively impact the local economy, improve forest health, and reduce the potential for wildfire in the affected areas.

Environmental Review: Based on an environmental assessment and information provided to the Minnesota Agency, no effects to historic properties, Federally-listed threatened or endangered species, water resources including wetlands, or any other federally regulated resources are anticipated. Any stipulations identified in the EA and/or related NEPA review documents shall be followed. If any inadvertent discoveries of, or adverse impacts to, historic/cultural resources, Federally-listed species and/or any other regulated resources are made, the timber sale in question shall be suspended and the Tribe and the BIA promptly notified. These sales are expected to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, permits, permissions, and authorizations. If these conditions are met, the proposed timber sales would not adversely affect the quality of the human environment; therefore, in accordance with the NEPA, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be required.

Document Availability and Comments: Copies of the EA and related NEPA documents for these proposed sale areas can be obtained by contacting the Branch of Forestry at the address at the top of this Notice or by directly contacting the Bois Forte Forestry Office. Comments regarding the proposed timber sale may also be submitted within 30 days of the date indicated below. During the 30 day comment period no Federal decisions will be made regarding the potential implementation of the preferred alternative.

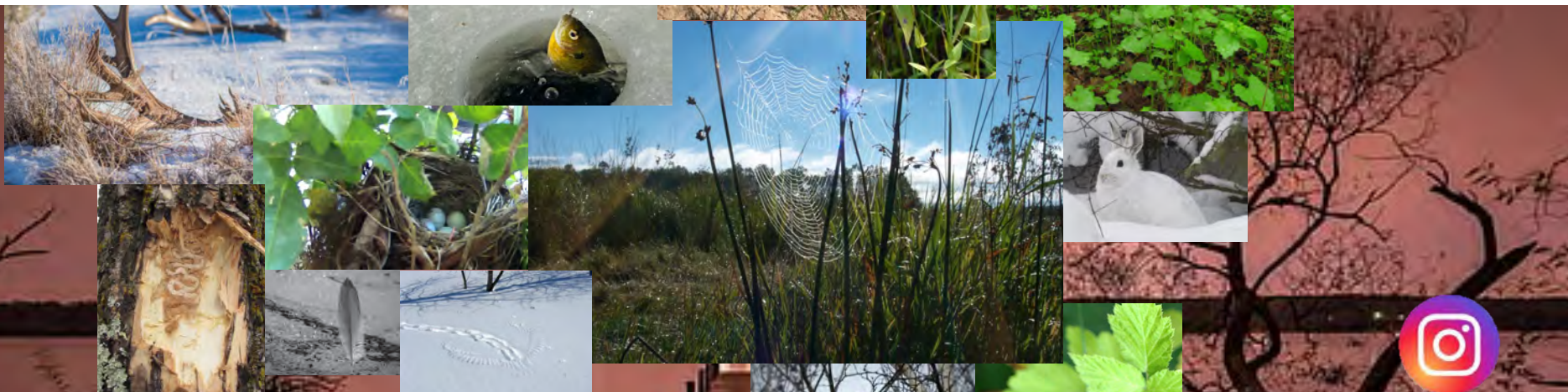
If substantive unresolved issues are identified with any of the proposed sale areas listed herein during the 30 day comment period, then the EA may need to be revised. Contact Robert Lintelmann, Red Lake Trust Forester, at (218) 751-2011 x1406, with any questions, comments, or requests regarding this matter.

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Superintendent

01/27/2021

Date



#noojitoon

1854 Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

- Follow @1854TA on Instagram
- Starting February 1st, 2021, 1854 will post a seasonal, photo-cropped "clue". You have one week to get outside, capture a snapshot and message us an image of the object along with the hashtag #noojitoon
- If you figure out the clue and message us before the week is up and the answer is revealed, you get 2 entries into the prize drawing. If you message us after we provide the answer, you get 1 entry into the prize drawing.
- 1854 will post a new clue every 2 weeks. At the end of the year, we will draw a **WINNER** to *take home a survival backpack equipped with all the goods to keep you going strong on all your outdoor adventures!*
- By submitting Instagram photos to the 1854 Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, you agree that your submission may be posted on the 1854 Treaty Authority Instagram page, newsletter and/or website, and that your submission is **original content created by you** that does not violate any third party rights.

"Happy 20 years on this Earth Jer. 03/02/01."



"We Love You! Corali, Tina, Ma and De"



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
from Officer Mika, Bois Forte Tribal Police

All Tribal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021.

DID YOU KNOW?
It is free to submit any announcements or obituaries.

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MODERNA VACCINE

IS AVAILABLE

FOR ALL BOIS FORTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

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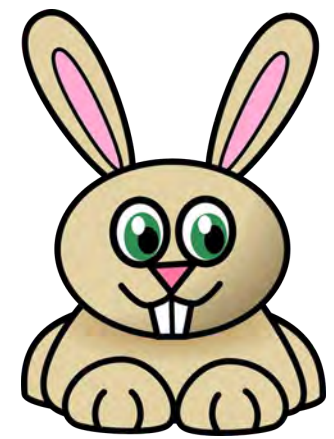
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**THE COVID-19 VACCINE
IS AVAILABLE AT BOTH
BOIS FORTE MEDICAL CLINICS!**

Please call one of the Bois Forte Clinics to get on a Call-Back List for scheduling.

"New" clinic patients have your Tribal ID with you for registration purposes. An allotment of the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine is shipped to both clinics on a week-by-week basis based on availability from IHS. Vaccine Inventory is subject to change *weekly* so *please be patient!*



Big Woods Transit
**Waabooz
Route**

Weekday Route
Nett Lake to Virginia

Starting
January 4, 2021

Running On:
**Monday
Wednesday
Friday**

Call to reserve your seat!
1-888-757-1540

No Mask, No Ride
Social Distancing Required



VACCINE PROTOCOL

AT THE CLINIC:

- Have your Tribal ID ready and with you when registering for your appointment.
- Plan on arriving **10-15 minutes early to complete the required forms.**
- Get called into a room for your appointment:
 - Your temperature is taken.
 - Forms containing information on the Vaccine you are receiving will be given to you.
 - You will receive the Vaccine.
 - You will receive your COVID-19 Vaccination Card

AFTER YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Remain in the lobby for 15 minutes for monitoring.
- Schedule your follow up appointment at the front desk for your second dose.

AT HOME:

- Sign up, using your smart phone, for V-SAFE through the CDC, instructions will be provided. This is NOT MANDATORY!



VERMILION CLINIC
SCHEDULING:

218-753-2182

NETT LAKE CLINIC
SCHEDULING:

218-757-3650





Nett Lake Filter Plant A 3 Stage Filtration System

As of 12/29/20 the new Nett lake Filter Plant is up and running, this will filter all water pumped by our wells to the water tower and to your homes.

This is a state of the art 3 stage filter system, thanks to Indian Health Service and EPA for their funding on this project, we now have these systems in Nett lake, Palmquist and Vermilion, in the future we will look at Indian Point as funding becomes available.

- Joel R Astleford, Public Works Director

Bois Forte NOW HIRING

Conservation Officer - Nett Lake & Vermilion

Opens: February 2, 2021 **Closes:** February 26, 2021

Position Type: Full-Time **Position Purpose:** The Conservation Officer will enforce the Bois Forte Conservation Code in order to protect the Bois Forte Reservation's natural resources and environment. APPLY ONLINE www.boisforte.com/jobs

Dental Hygienist - Nett Lake & Vermilion

Opens: January 29, 2021 **Closes:** Until Filled

Position Type: Full-Time **Position Purpose:** The Dental Hygienist provides comprehensive oral health education and dental hygiene treatment to diverse patient groups with assistance from other staff members of the Dental clinic. APPLY ONLINE www.boisforte.com/jobs

Get Vaccinated to Protect Yourself, Family, and Community

American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

A vaccine helps people from catching a certain disease, like COVID-19. All vaccines are as safe as possible and are a simple way to prevent illness and community outbreaks. A vaccination is not a treatment for people who are already sick with COVID-19. Getting vaccinated helps everyone.

- Know the facts and avoid sharing misinformation.
- Start by sharing information from trusted sources like CDC.gov and IHS.gov
- Encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated.
- The more people in your community get vaccinated, the better everyone will be protected against COVID-19, especially those who are more vulnerable to serious illness, like elders and people in high-risk groups.
- A COVID-19 vaccine will help you from spreading the disease, and reduce your risk of getting sick, being hospitalized, or dying.
- **COVID-19 vaccines are one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic.** It is important to use all the tools available to stop the pandemic, wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

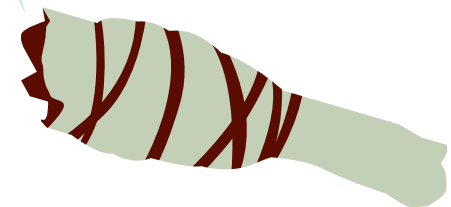
How to cope with anxiety related to vaccination

- Stay connected with family and friends while keeping a safe physical distance. Take care of yourself and each other, and know when to get help.
- Create a list of personal self-care activities you enjoy such as exercising, meditating, singing a traditional song, praying, or connecting with nature.
- Take deep breaths and stretch.
- Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking and remember these strong feelings of stress and anxiety will fade.



We are all in this together. Show compassion for those most closely impacted.

- Stay connected with family and friends through social media and video chat.
- Connect with your community and others with drumming and dancing video via social media.
- Attend a spiritual service through on-line streaming.



Ask your healthcare provider for more information.



OPEN CALL

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

ONE-YEAR AWARD OF \$10,000 for NATIVE ARTISTS

DEADLINE MARCH 16, 2021



LIFT – Early Career Support for Native Artists program will provide invaluable support to early career Native artists with one-year awards to develop and realize new projects. The program’s focus is to provide financial support and professional development to artists whose work aims to uplift communities and advance positive social change. Eligible applicants must be individual Native artists working in dance/choreography, fiction/poetry writing, film/video, multi-disciplinary arts, music, performance art, theater and screenplay writing, traditional arts, or 2D + 3D visual arts.

LIFT is a one-year monetary award of \$10,000 with \$2,500 earmarked for the artist’s benefit and wellbeing. Up to twenty artists will be selected to receive LIFT awards. We encourage artists to apply who are shaping their practices and for whom the award may serve as a launching point in their career.

Artist applicant must be an enrolled member or citizen of a federally-recognized or state-recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native corporation, or of Native Hawaiian ancestry. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation of their Native citizenship or ancestry.

nativeartsandcultures.org

2020 Mentor Artist Fellow
“Nadaa Jii shosh”, acrylic painting on wall (detail), Nani Chacon (Diné), 2016.

Legal Notice

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Tribal Children’s Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of K.B.C-P. DOB: 07/08/2012, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Casey Marie Chosa and Miles Riley Cameron, Alleged Father, Respondents. Court File No. 20 829JV

To: Any man who may come forward as the father of K.B.C-P, Minor Child

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In the Matter of the Welfare of K.R.C. DOB: 9/23/2020 and K.C.C. DOB: 9/23/2020, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Casey Marie Chosa and Hunter Jay Johnson, Alleged Father, Respondents. Court File No. 20 830JV

To: Any man who may come forward as the father of K.R.C. and K.C.C., Minor Children

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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.C., DOB: 07/10/2017, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Casey Marie Chosa and Any Man Who May Come Forth as the Father, Respondents. Court File No. 20 831JV

To: Any man who may come forward as the father of K.C., Minor Child

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