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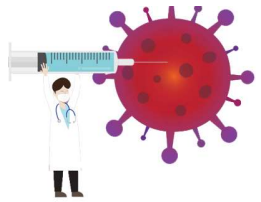
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## Bois Forte Welcomes New Mobile Vaccine Unit

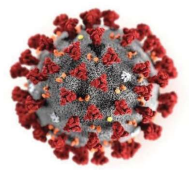
On Saturday February 20, 2021, Bois Forte welcomed a new member to the community. Through the diligent work and various resources, a new rig - Mobile Vaccine Machine - made a tight fit into the Bois Forte Ambulance garage in Nett Lake. The rig is approximately five feet larger than the regular ambulances. Currently, HHS is planning on bringing the Mobile Vaccine Machine to Urban Offices in Duluth and Minneapolis. At the time of printing, it was planning on visiting locations at the end of March but exact dates were not scheduled.



## COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The Moderna Vaccine eligibility requirement update.

[Read more on 12.](#)



## Bois Forte COVID-19 Status

Cumulative Cases	49
Vermilion	23
Nett Lake	26
Deaths	0

\*as of 2/22/2021

## HHS Special Announcement Physical Therapy Coming to Bois Forte

Beginning end of March 2021, Bois Forte Health and Human Services will be offering PHYSICAL THERAPY at both Vermilion and Nett Lake clinics. HHS is contracting with Choice Therapy out of Hibbing to provide the services. Patients will have access to professional PHYSICAL THERAPY services close to home.



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# State of the Band 2021

## Accounting Department Fiscal Year 2020

### Information from the Financial Presentation January 2021

#### Accounting Staff:

Chief Financial Officer – Kim Greiner  
 Program Accounting Supervisor – Laura Larson  
 Program Accountant – Kathy Ebel  
 Program Accountant – Beth Cook  
 Program Accountant – Andrea Sokoloski \*  
 Program Accountant – Deron Dunkley \*  
 Accounting Supervisor – Erynn Morrison \*  
 Payroll Clerk – Mari Barto \*  
 Accounts Payable Clerk – Steph Meyer \*  
 Accounts Payable Clerk – Viola Connor \*  
 Accounting Clerk – Travel – Nikki Irving \*  
 Purchasing Agent – Bridget Villebrun\*  
 Accounting Specialist Accounts Receivable – Tammy Strong \*  
 Accounting Specialist – Edith Villebrun  
 Data Entry Clerk – Lew Strong  
 Administrative Assistant – Rene Barto  
 Temporary Accounts Payable Clerk – Gabby King \*

Sue Ronkainen retired in July of 2020 after working for Bois Forte for 23 years.

\* Since 10/1/2019 is a new hire or in a new position within the Accounting Department

#### Department Statistics:

	2019	2020	Change	%	Note
Programs	287	331	44		15%
Line Item Accounts	5,793	6,161	368		6%
<b>RTC Accounts Payable &amp; Travel Checks</b>					
	8,181	9,704	1,523		19%
Tax Credit I Checks	40	54	14		35%
Tax Credit I Checks	41	49	8		20%
Tax Credit I Checks	n/a		-		New in Sept 2020
New Moon Checks	n/a		-		New in Sept 2020
<b>Community Redevelopment Corporation Checks</b>					
	31	42	11		35%
Rice Buying Checks	4	-	-4		-100%
<b>Paid Cash for purchase of Green Rice</b>					
Per Capita Checks	3,456	3,577	121		4%
<b>RTC &amp; Ambulance Payroll Checks</b>					
	7,604	7,477	-127		-2%

Credit Union Payroll Checks	423	166	-257	-61%
No longer processing				
Heritage Center Payroll Checks	165	293	128	78%
Cash Receipts	10,759	12,472	1,713	16%
<b>Journal Voucher Entries</b>				
(Non Payroll)	29,943	24,522	-5,421	-18%
Purchase Orders	3,795	3,124	-671	-18%
<b>Pharmacy Credit Card Transactions</b>				
	773	1,398	625	81%
<b>Journal Vouchers - Payroll Transactions</b>				
	28,478	30,378	1,900	7%
Bank Accounts	52	58	6	12%
Accounts Receivable Customers	567	537	-30	-5%
<b>Electronic Funds Transfers Entries (EFT)</b>				
	2,138	3,922	1,784	83%

#### Major accomplishments/changes

Changed auditing firms in 2020 from RSM to Schechter Dokken Kanter  
 Employees 100 % Direct Deposit for Payroll Checks  
 Travel reimbursement and advances 100% Direct Deposit  
 Accounting for 40 different sources for response to the Pandemic  
 Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union Merger to Embarrass Federal Credit Union – no longer processing payroll for them  
 Take over accounting for the New Moon Housing from DW Jones  
 Take over accounting for the Tax Credit III Housing Project from DW Jones  
 Developed Electronic Document Workflow via DocuSign  
 9 positions out of 15 have new employees in during the Fiscal Year  
 Half of staff work as remote workers since April to provide social distancing and preparation if needed to report to office if needed if other are unable to work due to COVID

#### Goals for FY 2021 and beyond

Catch up on back log of work due to primary focus on COVID grants and requirements  
 Electronic Records storage  
 Improved work flow for electronic documents with DocuSign and the addition of Laser Fiche  
 Began search for new Accounting Software and the planning stages to implement for the beginning of the FY 2023.  
 Continue work a succession planning by recruiting a new Program Accountant Trainee  
 Evaluate Indirect Cost Methodologies and make recommendation if necessary, to Tribal Council for Implementation.  
 Implement Credit Card processing for all the programs that have customers to make payments easier and on line.  
 Test program for a limited number of Direct Deposit for Per Capita – Need to work our processing issues and time line. Goal to offer to all band members by 2022 Per Capita.

[Read more on 3.](#)

## Resources available for COVID 19 Response

Many resources were available to the Tribal Government and Enterprises.

- Tribal Government received the following;
  - 39 Grants and or Allotments from Various Funding Sources
  - Tax Credits of Family First Leave
- Enterprises
  - 3 Payroll Protection Plan Loans (forgivable)
  - Tax Credits for Family First Leave
- Community
  - Food Distributions for AEOA
  - Food Distributions from Northern Lakes Food Bank

## Bois Forte COVID-19 Resources

Program Name	Funding Agency	Amount
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### BIA CARES Act Funding

	Bureau of Indian Affairs	1,037,523.00
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Construction of Storage & Food Shelf Building & ICWA Software for Case management and teleworking.

### MDH CICT Grant

	MDH	113,912.00
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Salaries for Community Health staff doing Case investigation and contact tracing duties, laptops for 2 RN's doing CICT, supplies needed to complete CICT duties.

### MDH COVID 19 Support Services

	MDH	169,012.00
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Salaries of staff in the clinic responding to COVID- NP, Lab Tech and Medical Assistant; Disinfectant sprayer for Vermilion and the food shelf in Nett, UV light for EMS, boxes to distribute to house holds in isolation or give out at Food Shelf - Cleaning Boxes, Personal Care Boxes, Medicine Boxes, food (mostly meat). Beds if a COVID-19 house has members sharing beds.

### COVID19 Vaccine Children

	MDH	20,000.00
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Dollars will be used for mailings both individuals and mass notifications, PPE costs and supplies

### Blandin Foundation

	Blandin Foundation	50,000.00
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Purchased 500 food boxes that were distributed out to all on Reservation households, some households in Quarantine/isolation if they were in need and off Reservation bandmembers at 3 different pickup locations. We also used a portion to pay for elder frozen meals 3 extra frozen meals/week for 120 Elders living on Reservation

GLITC Savings Lives Project

	GLITC - CDC	88,400.00
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Salary for PIO and Legal expenses to draft COVID Policies

### COVID 19 Housing Assistance (CHAP)

	MN Housing Finance Agency	756,960.00
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rent payment, mortgage payment, homeowner association dues, contract for deed payment, homeowner insurance payment, utility payment, manufactured home lot rent, manufactured home payment, or other housing-related payment with a due date of March 1, 2020 or later that is past due

### AIC COVID 19 Food Grant

	American Indian Cancer Foundation	104,960.00
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Purchased 725 food boxes form AICHO in Duluth supporting Native Farmers and producers, which were given out 2 boxes each to On Reservation households and the remainder were given to BF employees. We purchased 335 \$50 food cards for Zup's that will be given out one to each on reservation household in January and the rest will be given out at the food shelf.

### COVID Response

	MDH	1,952.00
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Supplies and Sanitizing for ambulance

### Family Violence CARES Act

	MDH	8,525.00
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Provide temporary housing, assistance, and supportive services to victims of family, domestic, and dating violence in response to the coronavirus public health emergency.

### CSBG CARES Act Funding

	MDH	54,418.00
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Providing services to help the elders and youth. This grant also helps with car repairs and housing rental needs. It can be used to help with technology (tablets and internet), and we also could help with transportation(bicycles, helmets, locks, permits) in order to help their commutes to retain their jobs. Childcare is also something that qualifies under this grant.

### MDH COVID 19 Prep & Reponses

	MDH	75,000.00
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Used to pay salaries of Community Health staff responding to COVID, purchase of PPE, supplies needed to respond to COVID.

### CDC COVID 19 Prep & Reponses

	Centers for Disease Control	227,618.00
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Clinics used to purchase new EKG machines for both clinics, 1 Xray machine, Washer & Dryer due to additional laundry with COVID-19 along with PPE and supplies.

### Head Start COVID-19 FundinG

	Health & Humans Services	31,637.00
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The program purchased PPE, portable hand-washing sinks, hand disinfecting stations, bus sanitizing sprayers, classroom sanitizing sprayers, home kits for children/parents, and outdoor tents for enrolling children and celebrating Head



Electrostatic Sprayer | Various Programs

[Read more on 4.](#)

Start graduation ceremonies.

Early Head Start COVID Funding

Health & Humans Services 26,364.00

The program purchased PPE, portable hand-washing sinks, hand disinfecting stations, bus sanitizing sprayers, classroom sanitizing sprayers, home kits for children/parents, and outdoor tents for enrolling children. We've also used money to pay for substitute teachers in the classrooms.

CCDF COVID 19 Aid

CCDF 60,884.00

Purchase PPE for staff as well as cleaning and disinfecting supplies for the program. Purchased supplies for "distant learning". Also, used for operating expenses to continue services during COVID-19.

Health Services

Indian Health Services 113,961.00

Contract Support Costs

Health Services

Indian Health Services 33,654.00

COVID 19 Testing

COVID Testing & Programs

Indian Health Services 240,122.00

Clinics used to purchase 1 Xray machine, car testing devices, Spirometers, AED machines and additional safety equipment for Dental - auto claves, eyewear and ultra suction machines.

COVID Purchase Referred Care

Indian Health Services 176,470.00

These funds are used for additional health care costs for patient care due to COVID 19

HHS Stimulus

Health & Humans Services 607,239.00

Clinics used these funds to ensure the best patient care, HIPPA and security be given while in the clinics. We have made changes for registration in Nett Lake, some additional offices at the Human Services building, security camera's and key door access along with software upgrades for providers. Vermilion clinic increased square footage at the pharmacy, nurses station updates and additional office space.

I H S PPPHCEA

Indian Health Services 358,192.00

Clinics used dollars to purchase trailers and shelters to set up for COVID drive up testing along with testing equipment, PPE, supplies and testing kits. This also paid some staffing dollars during this time.

MCT BIA JAG COVID 19

MCT - Bureau of Justice 16,820.00

MCT BIA JAG funds were used for seven Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for police officers squad car, replace washer and dryer, and purchase cleaning supplies.

B & G MN COVID Food Grant

MDH 147,000.00

Food bag program for the club members and the community to take home a bag of food each week, purchase 2 Suburban's for the Boys and Girls Club Sites, purchase diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for community members, and pay for salaries in the Education Department who helped roll out the programs.

Emergency Response

COVID OEO 16,250.00

Hygiène/Satiation Supplies/Hôtel Vouchers

COVID Emergency Fund

MDH 43,193.00

Funds were used to purchase additional PPE for ambulance, community health and medical clinics.

Elder Crisis Funding

Northland Foundation 30,000.00

Northland Foundation total amounts \$60,000 were used to pay the replacement cooks at the ENP, and provided 1 month of elder frozen meals- 3 extra frozen meals/week for 120 Elders living on Reservation.

Elder Crisis Funding #2

Northland Foundation 30,000.00

Northland Foundation total amounts \$60,000 were used to pay the replacement cooks at the ENP, and provided 1 month of elder frozen meals- 3 extra frozen meals/week for 120 Elders living on Reservation.



Food Distributions

MSFP

Hunger Solutions Minnesota 83,332.00

Infrastructure for a food bank and additional expenses to get Food shelf up and running, also add additional fridge/freezer in Vermilion. Purchase food for the food bank

MSFP

Hunger Solutions Minnesota 100,000.00

Mobile Food Shelf

CARES Act Title VI

Health & Humans Services 54,540.00

Purchase a portion of the Elder frozen meals, new dishwasher in Vermilion for ENP

Enbridge

Enbridge 10,000.00

Purchased Emergency Management storage trailer

Read more on 5.



Boys & Girls Clubs Backpacks | MDPS



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CPB

Corporation for Public Broadcasting 112,136.00

Due to COVID-19, funding for salaries for KBFT Radio was not available, this funding was used to pay for KBFT Employee salaries to keep the radio station running to provide critical covid-19 information to the community

B & G short term COVID Grant

MDH 178,023.00

This grant was used to create a second round of laptops for the laptop program, laptops for the Boys and Girls Clubs, New Backpacks for club members filled with wireless headphones, snacks, school supplies, masks, and more. The program also helped fund salaries in the Education Department.

Tribal Nations Grant

Minnesota Department of Revenue 1,000,000.00

\$441,217.20 to Fortune Bay to assist with costs while closed, Balance to Water, Sewer, Solid Waster, and Housing Programs due to funding reduction from Fortune Bay and reduced payments on customer accounts.

Title VI COVID

Health & Humans Services 28,920.00

Freezer for Vermilion ENP, Food packaging supplies- new food delivery trays and plastic sealant, Kitchen supplies, New microwave for Vermilion. Elder replacement cooks salaries and additional frozen meals. I believe we also contracted with Fortune Bay to provide Vermilion Elder meals for a couple months with this before we started Earl as the cook.

CARES Act Funding

US Treasury 6,836,976.00

Numerous Projects & Band Member Assistance Programs - Break out on sperate sheet.

Transit COVID 19 Grant

Federal Highway Administration 367,532.00

Purchased cleaning supplies for buses and supplement drivers salaries that did not get full salary.

HUD COVID 19 Tiny Homes

Housing & Urban Development 314,867.00

Utilized this fund for all the costs associated with the construction, Installation, of 3-1 bedroom, isolation and quarantine units to mitigate and stop the spread of COVID-19

Family First Retention Credit

Tax Credits 34,122.58

Reimbursement for limited wages and benefits for employees that are on approved Family First Leave - costs of those employees for the specific leave charged here. Does not include the credit for the 4th qtr. yet.

**Tribal Government Total 13,760,514.58**

**Bois Forte Enterprises**

Fortune Bay

Payroll Protection Program  
Small Business Administration  
3,959,000.00

Forgivable loan used to pay all employees while the property was closed for business.

Fortune Bay

Family First Retention Credit  
Tax Credits  
13,627.64

Reimbursement for limited wages and benefits for employees that are on approved Family First Leave - costs of those employees for the specific leave charged here. Does not include the credit for the 4th qtr. yet.



Sparkel Squad at Fortune Bay

Y Store

Payroll Protection Program  
Small Business Administration 95,600.00

Forgivable loan used to pay all employees when business levels were low due to stay at home orders.

Y Store

Family First Retention Credit  
Tax Credits 888.05

Reimbursement for limited wages and benefits for employees that are on approved Family First Leave - costs of those employees for the specific leave charged here. Does not include the credit for the 4th qtr. yet.

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<b>C Store</b>	
Payroll Protection Program	
Small Business Administration	48,900.00
Forgivable loan used to pay all employees when business levels were low due to stay at home orders.	
<b>C Store</b>	
Family First Retention Credit	
Tax Credits	291.5
Reimbursement for limited wages and benefits for employees that are on approved Family First Leave - costs of those employees for the specific leave charged here. Does not include the credit for the 4th qtr. yet.	
<b>Wilderness</b>	
Family First Retention Credit	
Tax Credits	9,013.59
Reimbursement for limited wages and benefits for employees that are on approved Family First Leave - costs of those employees for the specific leave charged here. Does not include the credit for the 4th qtr. yet.	
<b>Total for Bois Forte Enterprises</b>	<b>4,127,320.78</b>

Tribal Government Total: 13,760,514.58  
 Enterprise Total: 4,127,320.78  
**Total Funding/Tax Credits to Bois Forte: 17,887,835.36**

## Other Resources

AEOA has assisted with 18 food distributions from June - December 2020, providing 1355 boxes to Vermilion and 1191 to Nett Lake for a total number of boxes 2546.  
 Northern Lakes Food Bank has assisted with 4 food distributions in Nett Lake and Vermilion, assisting a total of 1,075 households.

## U.S. Treasury Funds

Department	Project	Amount
Administration	Virtual & Remote Notaries	2,120.00
Promote Social Distancing while providing notary services		
Administration	Legal Fees	77,313.50
COVID Related		
Council	Safe Shelter	689,680.05
Social Distancing and reduced travel for prevention of spread		
Administration	Postage scales and stamp printers	2,979.04
Promote social distancing amongst buildings		
Administration	Staff for Relief Program	52,792.88
Staff to process COVID-19 Relief Fund and Safe Shelter Applications		
Administration	Grant Project Manager	13,531.52
Project Manager to Coordinate Constructions Projects		
Information Technology	IT Temp Worker	16,599.68
Staff to assist in increase work load due to all the new projects and support to		



EKG Machine | CDC Prep & Response

Teleworkers.	
Early Childhood Programs	Various
Equipment such as hand washing stations for students & cleaning	7,404.85
Prevention	
Boys & Girls Club	COVID Supplies
	2,079.92
Prevention	
Education Lutheran Social Services	
	6,640.00
Assist band members money counseling during pandemic	
Education	
Mac Book Pros/Laptops for College Students	
	52,489.20
Distance Learning	
Fortune Bay	Sparkle Squad
	113,137.96
Additional Cleaning Staff for Fortune Bay	

Fortune Bay	Pay at the Table	25,569.48
Prevention		
Fortune Bay	Sanitation Cabinets	11,040.00
Clean Chips at the Casino		
Fortune Bay	Cleaning Machines	10,043.12
Sprayers for Casino		
Fortune Bay	Legal Costs Fortune Bay	19,316.00
Additional Costs		
Fortune Bay	Stanchions	2,297.84
Prevention		
Fortune Bay	Masks	3,400.00
Prevention		
Ambulance	Ambulance	4,992.60
Supplies		
Behavior Health	Steri-Wands & Supplies	3,413.39
Prevention		
Emergency Response	Supplies	10,000.00
Regroup Mass Notification - Phone, Text, Email		
Community Health		
Fridges/Freezers For Food Shelf Building		20,120.96
Food Security		



AEDS | MTC BIA JAG Grant

ICWA	Software Computers	561.35
Web Cameras for staff to work remotely		
SUDS	Meeting Rm Expenses	1,275.00
Meeting room to provide for social distancing for the SUDS Treatment		
Human Resources	I Pads	5,985.00
Social Distancing for Interviews		

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<u>Information Technology Office 365</u> 61,975.00		
This funding was used to purchase Office 365 Software that Teleworkers needed for communication with co-workers, it was also purchased due to its group collaboration capabilities for departments		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Server Upgrade</u>	338,190.00
This funding was used to purchase enhanced server equipment needed to provide, teleworking, distance learning and telehealth capabilities throughout the tribal government		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Government Side</u>	14,900.25
This funding was used to purchase laptops for IT personnel to telework and provide offsite technical help to the teleworkers		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Fiber Optic Switch</u>	49,002.96
Due to COVID-19, the increase in teleworking required additional bandwidth that could only be distributed by the purchase of newer switching. This funding was used to purchase fiber switches capable of supporting Bois Forte Public access employees		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Telecommuting Equipment</u>	48,586.68
This funding was used to purchase Vibe communication systems used to for team collaboration between teleworkers and in office employee due to COVID-19		
<u>Information Technology</u>		
<u>Telecommunication Hut Replacement</u>		168,885.00
telecommuting/distance learning		
<u>Information Technology</u>		
<u>Temperature Screening Solutions</u>		38,330.08
Prevention		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Teleconferencing Equip</u>	209,605.00
This funding was used to purchase Logitech team communication equipment and TV's used to provide collaboration between in office staff and those teleworking.		
<u>Nett Lake School</u>	<u>NL School I Pads</u>	32,940.00
Distance Learning		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	44,933.00
This equipment was used to purchase Laptops and Desktops needed for teleworking and to provide the necessary equipment for remote access employees.		
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Public Access Points</u>	26,781.00
This funding was used to purchase outdoor access points to provide high speed bandwidth for teleworkers and distance learning children in areas where no internet exists.		
<u>WELY</u>	<u>WELY</u>	21,349.57
Public Information		
<u>Fortune Bay</u>	<u>Tv Conference Equipment for FB</u>	15,597.00
This funding was used to purchase teleconferencing equipment utilized for team collaboration between team members working in the office and those that were teleworking.		
<u>Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Transport Vehicle</u>	76,608.60
Prevention For prisoner transport		



Temperature Stations

<u>Community Health</u>	<u>FFE for Storage Building</u>	53,642.99
Food Security		
<u>Council</u>	<u>BF Coronavirus Relief</u>	2,102,340.00
Direct Assistance		
<u>Minneapolis Urban Office</u>	<u>Cultural Resources</u>	1,000.00
Mental Health Culturally Based Zoom presentation		
<u>Minneapolis Urban Office</u>	<u>Medical Kits</u>	11,336.83
Preventions & Treatment		
<u>Minneapolis Urban Office</u>	<u>Food Supplies</u>	96,065.64
Food Security		
<u>Duluth Urban Office</u>	<u>Food Assistance</u>	12,350.00
Food Security		
<u>Minneapolis Urban Office</u>	<u>Sewing Machines</u>	4,402.00
Prevention - mask making for hot spot areas & homeless community		
<u>Council</u>	<u>Rice Project</u>	139,854.53
Buying, Processing, Packaging & Mailing Rice - Food Security		
<u>Behavior Health</u>	<u>Behavior Health 4 Meds</u>	27,748.00
Traditional Medicines for Mental Health Promotion		
<u>Nett Lake School</u>	<u>Computer Equip</u>	100,888.00
This Funding provided the necessary equipment needed for the Nett Lake school to provide Distance Learning between the teachers and students. Laptops, IPADS an Vibe Communications boards were purchased.		
<u>Administration</u>	<u>Laser Fiche</u>	80,350.00
On line processing of applications for programs		
<u>Dental</u>	<u>Dental Scanners</u>	132,990.00
Dental equipment to reduce the spread of the virus and the number of visits for a patient		
<u>Council</u>	<u>Energy Assistance</u>	23,037.73
Heating/Electric bill assistance		
<u>Curbside Solid Waste</u>	<u>Dumpster Trailers</u>	10,999.00
Replacement of Solid Waste Trailer due to increased volume		
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Generator</u>	52,514.53
Backup Generator for new Food Shelf/Storage Building		
<u>Council</u>	<u>BF Logo Masks/Gators</u>	69,838.00
masks and Gators mailed to all band members to slow spread of virus		
<u>Fortune Bay</u>	<u>Storage Containers Fortune Bay</u>	11,550.00
Shipping Container to store furniture & equipment removed from property to make room for social distancing		
<u>Fortune Bay</u>	<u>Grant Fortune Bay</u>	88,649.76
Wages for Guards at Temperature Station, construction of walls in some offices and table dividers for Black Jack & Poker		

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# Minnesota Starwatch

By Deane Morrison

Winter may seem endless by the time March rolls around, but this month the sun and the day length are both climbing at top speed.

At our northern latitude, we're now gaining about three minutes of daylight every day. The rate of change peaks at the vernal equinox, which this year arrives at 4:37 a.m. on the 20th. At that moment the sun crosses the equator on its journey north.

Saturn and Jupiter are reentering the morning sky, but they won't get high enough for easy viewing till at least mid-month. However, on the 5th, binoculars may help you catch Mercury immediately to the left of Jupiter in the sun's foreglow, just above the east-southeastern horizon. A better bet that morning is the last-quarter moon hanging above the red star Antares in Scorpius.

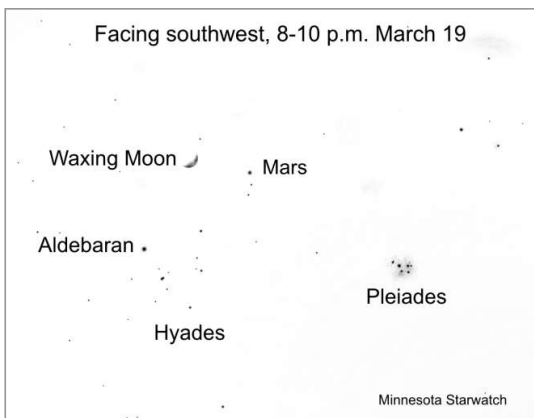
The moon spends the third week of the month crossing the evening sky. On the 19th, it visits Mars as the red planet glides above the V-shaped Hyades star cluster. Next to the Hyades shines Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the bull. On the 22nd, the moon appears below the Gemini twins Pollux (the brighter) and Castor.

On the 25th a hefty gibbous moon appears in the spring constellation Leo, the lion. The moon sits in the Sickle of stars outlining the lion's head,

between Regulus, Leo's brightest star, and Algieba, a double star system that also contains a planet. On the 28th March's full moon rises in Virgo. As twilight fades, brilliant Arcturus, in Bootes, the herdsman, comes out to the left of the moon.

The faint zodiacal light glimmers in the west after nightfall during the first half of the month. A finger of light pointing up from the horizon along the sun's path, this phenomenon is caused by sunlight glinting off dust in the plane of Earth's orbit.

The University of Minnesota's public viewings of the night sky at its Duluth and Twin Cities campuses have been



curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, see: Duluth, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium: [www.d.umn.edu/planet](http://www.d.umn.edu/planet) Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics: <https://cse.umn.edu/mifa/public-events/telescope-viewing> Find U of M astronomers and links to the world of astronomy at <http://www.astro.umn.edu>

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## State of the Band

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### Housing

#### Furnishings for Isolation Homes 7,877.60

Basic house hold items for units used to house community members that need to quarantine or isolate from others due to virus.

### Information Technology

#### Remaining Telecommuting Equipment 56,363.60

This funding was used to for purchase Laptops with built in cameras and Printers used by staff for teleworking purposes.

### Maintenance

#### HVAC Upgrades 81,745.00

Equipment improvements to increase are exchange to slow the spread of the virus in select buildings

#### Administration Office Supplies 1,567.96

Envelopes and post cards for mailing program information

#### Administration COVID Supplies 43,872.40

Cleaning and disinfections supplies, mask material, masks, hand sanitizer, plexiglass protectors

#### Administration TERC Meetings 12,731.22

Initial Staff cost first month of TERC meetings

\$5,526,182.27	Expenditures as of 12/31/2020
6,836,153.26	Allocation to Bois Forte
1,309,970.99	Balance as of 12/31/2020
20,000.00	Approved Project 2021 Round 2 Energy Assistance
<u>67,333.17</u>	Approved Project 2021 - Continued Temp Workers
<b>1,222,637.82</b>	Remaining Balance 12/31/2020

This completes the accounting financial presentation. If you are able, watch the presentation on our YouTube channel. Items are explained line by line.

## Division Update from Judicial Services and Career Development

### Judicial Services

- Miranda Lilya is the new director of Judicial Services.
- Wendy Morrison-Thompson retired after 23 years of service.
- Seen an increase in case load
- Moved to Zoom meetings, hearings etc.
- Began holding CHIPs on their own day.
- Purchased a state-of-the-art Case Management System,



Wild Rice | Rice Project

Read more on 9



## State of the Band

continued from 8

- which will make cases easier to manage.
- Tribal Code revision (Will take effect March 1, 2021).
  - Working with SUDs to develop Wellness Support.
  - 2020 Cases: 179 criminal, 32 civil, 41 traffic, and 20 juveniles.

### Director of Career Development/ Education

- Travis Vake, Director of Career Development
- Moving the TERO and Grant Writing programs to Education.
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Under the Office of Juvenile Prevention Grant, we received \$178,000. This grant funded the second round of our Laptop Program, purchased Backpacks loaded with food and supplies.
- Under the Hunger Solutions we were able to obtain two new Chevrolet Suburban's, food bags, and diapers, wipes, supplies for the community.
- Part of the Rutabaga Program, Honor the Earth, Onsite mentoring program, Red Nose Day, Northwest Area, Walmart food Access, Trail Grant.

### Scholarship

- 97 scholarships for a total of \$257,000.
- 9 Band Members graduated.
- Head Start/ Early Child served 65 families and 70 kids, which included Vermilion and Nett Lake.
- New Head Start playground in Nett Lake.

### Registrar & CSBG

- 748 vehicles registered
- Served 112 individuals and 35 households.
- Energy Assistance
- Processed 355 applications and 81 crisis applications

## A brief notation from District I Representative Shane Drift

Boozho! I sincerely hope that this notation finds you well. As I sit here in my office looking out the window at Spirit Island trying to think of what to write about. I have always said that "our reservation, our tribe has so much potential, we can be just as successful as the other reservations". Past Tribal Councils had the right idea with buying new businesses but unfortunately for our tribe those businesses did not work out. Just because past businesses did not work out doesn't mean that we shouldn't keep trying.

If we don't try we will continue to struggle and we don't have to struggle. Once we decide to buy a new business, a few things we need to consider is, is the business market stable? is it growing? Is it declining? How much would it cost to buy a business? Where are we getting the money to buy the business? Once the business starts to make a profit, where will the profit go? Do we buy an existing business or create one from the ground up?

I must point out that we cannot, must not use Fortune Bay to keep the business afloat. We cannot, must not add another financial strain onto our casino. However, if we do decide that we need to use our casino to keep the new business afloat, we need to decide on when we cut ties with the new business. We cannot keep pouring money into a business that has no chance of turning a profit.

It's more cost effective to buy an existing business rather than create a new business from the ground up. One benefit to buying an existing business is that the business has a loyal customer base. We want to buy a business that will be able to stand on its own two feet. We need to develop a



backup plan in case the new business doesn't perform like we thought it would. The backup plan could be, cut back on store hours, cut back on man power, or both.

Have you ever thought that the tribe should buy this business or that business? And put this business here or there? Back in early 2000s when I was going to college, I thought that the tribe should put a coffee shop in Virginia. It was interesting to see that Starbucks was added to Target in Virginia. I wholeheartedly believe that a gas station chain will put a gas station by the Walmart in Mt. Iron. Look at all that traffic that coming and going from Walmart.

I'll take this one step further, a couple of businesses that are on my wish list for our tribe are as follows. We turn the Y store into a gas station chain like the Kwik Trip chain. Reading articles about other tribes buying and putting another casino in another state. Per the internet the following states do not have any land based or tribal casinos, Hawaii, Kentucky, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, and

Virginia. Please keep in mind that this is just my personal wish list for the tribe. Any way back to the article. I think that the following businesses would be good investment for the tribe and they are as follows. We (Bois Forte) could create a new or buy an existing furniture business. When our hotel buys furniture the money leaves the reservation. Now if we owned our own furniture business the hotel could buy the furniture for our business. This way the money stays within the tribe. We could also do a contract with other tribes. We could also create or buy an existing car dealership.

During my 2021 State of the band speech I talked about minimizing the amount of money our businesses lose. I brought it up in various meetings about putting a drop ceiling in the Nett Lake C Store. It would cost money to put a drop ceiling in the Nett Lake C store but we would save money in the long run on the heating bill and air conditioning bill.

In closing, I need to point out that I am not speaking for the tribal council, I am just sharing my personal thoughts regarding businesses. If you have any business ideas that you would like to share please feel free to email me at [Sdrift@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:Sdrift@boisforte-nsn.gov) You can also call me on my council cell phone at 218-404-8220. I'm also on Facebook.

Oh I must mention that I have my "Shane Drift District I Representative Updates" group page on Facebook. I always provide updates up my group page. So until next time please remember to practice social distancing, wear your face mask, wash your hands, and stay safe out there. Mii'iw miigwech!



**MASK UP  
FRIENDS**

## Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of T.J.B.,  
DOB: 08/25/2004, Bois Forte Band  
of Chippewa, Department of Family  
Health Services, Petitioner, v. Kerrie  
Lee Porter and Steven William Boshey  
Jr. Court File No. 20 817JV

To: The above-named Respondents  
and any man coming forth as the  
parent of T.J.B., Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby  
Given that a child in need of  
protection or services petition was  
filed in the Bois Forte Tribal Court  
on September 14, 2020. A hearing  
on the above petition will be held on  
March 9, 2021, at 10:20 a.m. Central  
Standard Time, or as soon thereafter  
as counsel may be heard, and again  
on April 13, 2021 at 2:20 p.m., or as  
soon as counsel may be heard at the  
Bois Forte Children's Court, Bois Forte  
Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road,  
Nett Lake, MN 55772.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED BY  
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AT THE ABOVE DATE, TIME  
AND PLACE. YOUR FAILURE  
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MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT  
JUDGMENT BEING GRANTED FOR  
THE PETITIONER.

By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief  
Judge  
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court  
Attorney for Petitioner, Rebecca  
McConkey-Greene  
12907 Palmquist Road | P.O. Box 25  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
218-757-3462

## Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of N.S.L.,  
DOB: 12/27/2014 and O.L.L., DOB:  
08/05/2016, Bois Forte Band of  
Chippewa, Department of Family  
Health Services, Petitioner, v. Melissa  
Lightfeather and Gewedinodin  
Lightfeather, Court File No. 17 721JV

To: Gewedinodin Lightfeather and  
any man coming forth as the parent of  
N.S.L. and O.L.L., Minor Children

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby  
Given that a Petition to Transfer Legal  
and Physical Custody was filed in the  
Bois Forte Tribal Court on February  
27, 2020. A hearing on the above  
petition will be held on May 11, 2021  
at 1:00 p.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.

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Attorney for Petitioner, Rebecca  
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Nett Lake, MN 55772  
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## Legal Notice

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Tribal Children's Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of: A.M.J.,  
DOB: 01/15/2009, Bois Forte Band  
of Chippewa, Department of Family  
Health Services, Petitioner, v. Melissa  
Lightfeather and Charles Duwayne  
Goggleye, III, Court File No. 17 719JV

To: Charles Duwayne Goggleye, III

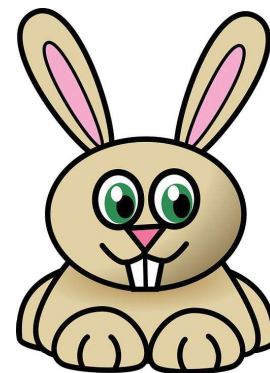
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### DID YOU KNOW?

It is free to submit any  
announcements or obituaries.



## Big Woods Transit Waabooz Route

**Weekday Route  
Nett Lake to Virginia**

**Running On:**

**Monday**

**Wednesday**

**Friday**

**Call to reserve your seat!**

**1-888-757-1540**

**No Mask, No Ride  
Social Distancing Required**



CLIP & SAVE

C-STORE  
218-757-3268

Y-STORE  
218-753-3868

NETT LAKE  
PHARMACY  
218-757-0230

VERMILION  
PHARMACY  
218-753-2182

## Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of: W.P.J,  
DOB: 12/22/2010, Bois Forte Band  
of Chippewa, Department of Family  
Health Services, Petitioner, v. Melissa  
Lightfeather and Robert Gibbs, Court  
File No. 17 720JV

To: Robert Gibbs, and any man  
coming forth as the father of W.P.J.,  
Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby  
Given that a Petition to Transfer Legal  
and Physical Custody was filed in the  
Bois Forte Tribal Court on February  
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at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time,  
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## Legal Notice

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa  
Indians Tribal Court  
Civil Division  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

In the matter of Bois Forte Family  
Health Services, petitioner vs Marshall  
Wayne Boshey, respondent.

TO: The above-named respondent,  
Marshall Wayne Boshey.

You are hereby notified, and notice is  
hereby given a Zoom hearing will be  
held on the 24th day of March 2021 at  
10:00 a.m. CST, or as soon thereafter  
as counsel may be heard, at the Bois  
Forte Tribal Court, Bois Forte Indian  
Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road,  
Nett Lake, MN 55772, on the Order  
for Protection Petition filed in this  
court on December 1st, 2020. This  
hearing is to determine if the order  
for protection should be granted or  
denied.

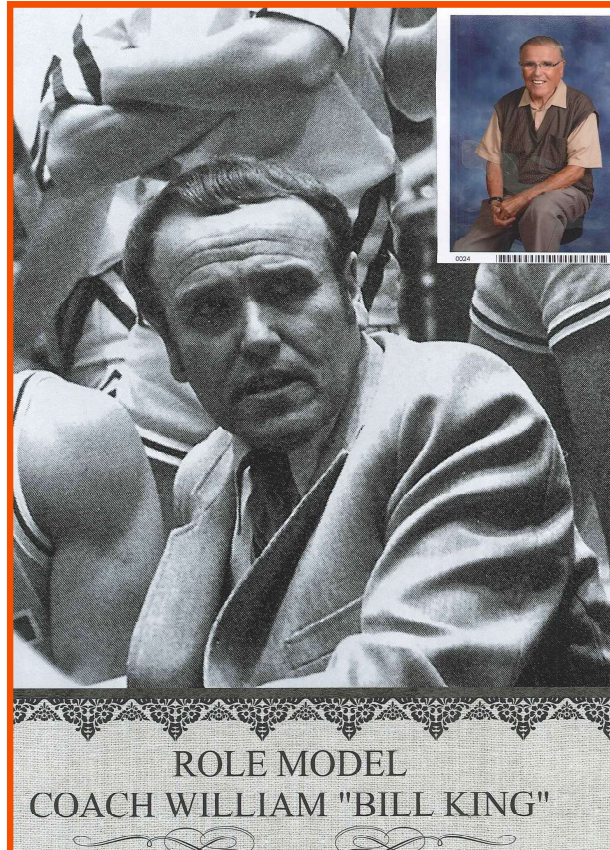
You have the right to attend this  
hearing to either agree or disagree,  
failure to appear will result in a  
default against you and the order for  
protection being granted.

By the Court  
Megan Treuer, Chief Judge  
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court  
12907 Palmquist Road, PO Box 25  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
Tel: 218/757-3462

## Legal Notice

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa  
Indians Tribal Court  
Civil Division  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

In the matter of Leo Vidal, petitioner  
vs Yukie Lee, respondent, case number  
21 607CV.



**HAPPY  
90TH  
BIRTHDAY!**

**With Love,  
Cathy  
Linda  
Janet**

TO: The above-named respondent,  
Yukie Lee.

Petitioner made an oral motion  
to amend the order to include his  
children, TV (DOB 05/07/08) and  
TV (DOB 11/27/05). You are hereby  
notified, and notice is hereby given  
that a permanent order for protection  
was granted in the above-named case  
and it is effective until January 27,  
2023.

By the Court  
Megan Treuer, Chief Judge  
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# MODERNA VACCINE

## IS AVAILABLE

**For ALL Bois Forte Tribal Members (household) & Descendants**

Descendants Requirements - Tribal ID of Enrolled Member along with Birth Certificate/s showing family lineage required

**Ages 18 and older**

## 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 weekly basis based on availability from IHS.

**Vaccine Inventory is subject to change *weekly so please be patient!***

Call to schedule your appointment and or ask to be added to the on-call list. It is extremely important to keep your appointment - we do not want to waste valuable vaccine.

**VERMILION CLINIC SCHEDULING:**

**218-753-2182**

**NETT LAKE CLINIC SCHEDULING:**

**218-757-3650**



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