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IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT BOIS FORTE NEWS

Due to the shorter month, the deadline for the March issue is February 15th.

We are also starting to charge a flat \$25 for birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations of life, and special occasion ads. These ads will be 1/8th of a page (2.75 high and 5 inches wide). These ads must be paid before the ad can be placed.

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Due to space constraints, we could not do our two-page photo illustration on memories from the 2023 State of the Band, so we will do that in the March issue; thank you!

Sen. Smith praises Bois Forte and its people

TOWER—Regardless of who took the stage to talk about past accomplishments and what else needs to be done to ensure the long-term success of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa—the lasting message delivered at the 2023 State of the Band was one of hope and reassurance.

That included U.S. Senator Tina Smith, who made the trip to Fortune Bay Resort Casino to talk about how hard she and others are working on behalf of Bois Forte and other tribes across the state and country.

She spoke of her service on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, which has helped her better understand the issues facing Native Americans.

“I have the opportunity to lift up the voice and concerns of Native people in Minnesota and all across the country,” said Smith to the estimated 300 in attendance at the event, which took place in The Woodlands Ballroom at Fortune Bay.

She lauded Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers for being such an instrumental part of a hearing for the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. The senator said Chavers delivered a message that resonated with many attendees as she talked about the critical role the federal government can play in government-to-government relationships with tribal nations, especially as it relates to smaller, more rural, and more dispersed tribes.

“I have kept that near to



QUALITY TIME— Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers, left, and U.S. Senator Tina Smith, right, visited with many attendees at the 2023 State of the Band.

my heart as I’ve thought about the work that we have to do together,” said Smith, who also talked about the importance of helping Indian Health Services, protecting wild rice, and improving infrastructure and broadband.

Smith, who also appeared at the 2015 Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener that was held at Fortune Bay, talked about how honored she was to be at such an important event.

“I know there is so much we could do together,” said Smith in closing her speech, “and I’m honored to do it side by side with you, lifting up your work and your voices in Washington D.C. and every place that I’m honored to serve as

United States Senator.”

Earlier in her speech, Smith talked about how she and Chavers have been friends and allies for many years.

“I have had the opportunity to learn from Cathy and be a better Senator because of knowing her,” said Smith of Chavers, who also serves as the president of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. “She is tenacious; she is tough, but loving. She speaks truth to power, and because of that, she is very powerful herself. So, thank you so much.”

Smith set the tone for other members of the tribal council who spoke, including District II Representative Robert Moyer, Jr., who was impressed

with how many band members were in attendance. District I Representative Travis Morrison was sick and could not attend the event. Still, he wished everyone well and much success in a text he wanted Executive Director Luke Warnsholz, who emceed the State of the Band, to share with attendees.

Moyer, Jr. said he was working hard to secure a better future for Bois Forte and was eager to work for and serve the band members. He also took the time to thank the employees who work for Bois Forte and said that each one of them plays an integral part in ensuring Bois Forte’s Tribal Government is running smoothly.

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Catching up with Millie Holmes from the ENP

Let's start by telling our readers a little bit about your background. Where were you born, where did you grow up, schooling, family, etc.?

I was born and raised here on the Nett Lake Reservation. My mom was Marjorie Wakemup Holmes, and my dad was Axel J. Holmes Sr. My maternal grandparents were John and Mabel (Soreyes) Wakemup of Bois Forte, and my paternal grandparents were Henry and Rachael (Chase) Holmes of St. Croix Band of Chippewa. I went to school here on the rez through the sixth grade. I then went to Orr High School and graduated in 1974. I attended college for a couple of years. Despite not



ENJOYING HER AFTERNOON!—Millie Holmes was in her element at the 2023 State of the Band as she was able to visit with family and friends that are near and dear to her.

obtaining my degree, I was gifted a lifelong love of learning from both of my parents.

Ask any of my siblings, and they'll tell you that I know a lot about many different subjects. I take the long route of explaining things, and so, through them, I learned how to tailor my explanations depending on who I was talking to.

How about your work history? Can you highlight some of the work you've done over the years?

Aside from a few jobs I held when I lived off the rez, I have always worked for Bois Forte in one capacity or another.

Most notable among these jobs were the years I was on the General Election Board and currently as a Delegate for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitutional Convention.

I worked at Fortune Bay Resort Casino for a few years as a Blackjack Dealer and in the Gift Shop. I also sold handcrafts and regalia, crafts I learned from my mom and aunts.

One of the last things I learned from my mom was how to make ticanagaa. I watched her as she cut the velvet, did the beads, and struggled with adding a very important piece that was left off the cradleboard headpiece, which helped stabilize it. I regret not finishing the other side as she'd asked me to. She wanted to make sure I knew how to wrap the leather around that piece. Little did I know this was the last project she'd work on.

You've also taken an opportunity to run for the Bois Forte Tribal Council. What were the driving factors behind wanting to get involved in that endeavor?

Oh, running for office was not easy, and I wasn't prepared for the difference in interacting with band members as constituents. It was a different proposition than dealing with them as an election official. There were several things I wanted to see started or done here on the Reservation, and I made a difference as many of the ideas I proposed in the first campaign have come to fruition, even if I didn't make it to the Council. Quite a few young people walk with pride as they interact with others.

I'm not claiming to have had that big of an influence, and I have mentored some young people in either our traditions, our culture, or even in interacting with outside agencies. I've given support and advice to many as they walked through that difficult period of life they were currently facing.

Tell our readers what your role is with the ENP and some of your primary duties on a day-in and day-out basis.

My role with the Elder Nutrition Program, or ENP as we've come to call

it, is to oversee the program.

Although my current program focuses on getting the Elder Activity Committee up and running again, I split my time between the ENP Program and the Food Shelf Program.

I help the cooks when they need help, I've looked at the current menu, and although it is adequate, I'd like to change some of the menu items to reflect our cultural eating habits.

And by cultural, I mean there is an emphasis on more fruits, berries, hopefully, more deer and moose and other types of food we used to eat.

Amber Zapata's garden program will be helping in this endeavor by growing more of the produce we use in the ENP Program.

You have resumed your Minute with Millie column for the BF News. Where do you find your inspiration and material to write about?

Oh, that column is a spin-off of my blog I started writing many moons ago. Helen Wilke read my blog and approached me about writing more of those types of articles with an emphasis on getting young adults interested in writing or doing something in the creative arts.

How much of an influence was your father, who used to be the editor for this publication, in your writing style and love for writing?

Oh, it wasn't just his writing for the newspaper that contributed to me learning a bit more about newspaper publishing. I'd go with him when he took articles down to the Cook News Herald for printing, and I had to help type a few articles when he was off taking pictures elsewhere.

As for my writing style, I'd been encouraged by Mr. Haapala and a couple of college professors to write long before my dad was the editor. As for inspiration, my father was the first source of storytelling I knew, along with several other people in the village. I've refined some of their oratory styles, and hopefully, I've developed it enough to sell a few books.

What do you like to do with your

free time when you aren't working for the ENP program?

Oh, writing. And I was trying to get back into beading and sewing a few more regalia items for myself. I don't take orders anymore as I've developed neuropathy in my fingers.

I'm also working on a few short stories and scripts for videos to upload to YouTube. I have also contributed some articles to a friend who publishes short story collections (in German) in different publications. I've yet to hear back from a couple of places accepting my publications, and I have received a few rejections, which I've been assured are par for the course.

What are some of the things you most enjoy about your job?

Contact with Elders.

I've always worked with Elders ever since I was a teenager. I've learned quite a few things from them, not just my aunts and parents. My Auntie Betty and Harry Boness taught me a lot about dancing and making regalia. I'd like to have more of those interactions as there is always more to learn.

On the flip side, are there any challenges you face in your job?

Challenges. Yeah, there are always challenges. The best thing I've learned is to hang in there, do the best I can, and figure out a solution.

On a lighter note, what is your idea of a perfect day, and who would you like to spend it with?

My idea of a perfect day is one of our many family dinners/gatherings. Yeah, it takes some organizing and whatnot. We had the very first in a long time Wakemup family reunion back in the early 80s. The kids did a scavenger that took them all over the village. Some of the kids were more familiar with city streets than rural roads. We watched the first two teams of kids coming back from their sojourn collecting various items. My son was in the lead until they saw their cousin closing fast. They all raced to be the first to collect the prize. Perhaps one of them may tell you the story of that visit.

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“I strongly believe that by working together, we can keep moving forward in a positive way,” said Moyer, Jr., who took office this past July and encouraged band members to reach out to him with their ideas and concerns. “Miigwech—thank you, everybody. It has been a pleasure; thank you again very much.”

District I Representative Shane Drift gave a speech about projects he has been working on and reiterated how important restoring the Anishinaabe language is for him. He gave his opening remarks in Anishinaabe and then translated them into English.

Drift also thanked Bois Forte’s Spiritual Advisor Vern Adams and the drum group for being present at the event and wrapped up a portion of his speech by telling those gathered that “The old ways are coming back.” That was in reference to language as well as giving shout-outs to Jaylen Strong at the Bois Forte Heritage Center for his work and KBFT radio for their work in dedicating time on their airwaves for the word of the day and phrase of the day in Ojibway.

He also thanked most other departments and said that raises need to be given to Bois Forte Health and Human Services staff to stop additional staff from finding higher-paying jobs elsewhere.

While the event is typically one to celebrate the band’s success, Drift took some time to reiterate the fact that he was glad the council finally decided to close down WELY—End of the Road Radio, which shut down on December 1st after being given a six-month reprieve earlier in the year. The station was sold to a company in Wisconsin, and they will reopen it at a yet-to-be-announced location in Ely this spring. While the radio station was sold, Bois Forte will repurpose the building, prepare it for future retail sales, and then rent the upstairs apartment to help offset costs associated with owning the building.

Drift also said he was no longer in favor of the proposed Eveleth Convenience Store because he feels the original location selected was moved fur-



HELPING OUT!— Bois Forte Honor Guard member George Mihelich, left, was thankful to receive some help from Fortune Bay Security Guards, Darrell Connor, center, and Anthony Drift, right. If you would like to be a part of the Bois Forte Honor Guard, please call Mihelich at 218-750-7354.

ther down Highway 37 and, therefore, is less of an appeal for someone wanting to pull off Highway 53 to fill up for gas or get snacks, etc.

Drift realizes he makes some decisions that not all band members will agree with, but he said he has a job to do.

“I take my responsibilities very seriously. I want you to know that I am always looking out for band members, employees, departments, tribal businesses, and tribal government’s best interests,” said Drift as he closed his speech. “I have stood alone on various issues, and I stood in solidarity with the rest of the tribal council on issues. I have always listened to what the band members have to say and will always continue to listen to you, the Bois Forte band members.”

Meanwhile, Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick also echoed Drift’s sentiments of appreciating the hard work and dedication of Bois Forte Government employees and paid tribute to the Bois Forte Drum group for the work they do.

She told those in attendance that it was a challenging but bittersweet day for her as her mother, who passed away two years ago, visited her at 4 a.m. earlier that day.

“I know she is going to be with me

throughout this journey I am having on the council,” said Geshick. “We’ve had a lot of deaths, and I’ve gone to too many funerals. The drum group, you, of all people, know the people you’ve helped in their hearts. I’ve seen this drum group, time and time again, step up for us. I really appreciate it—Miigwech.”

Like Drift, Geshick also spoke of the importance of keeping the Anishinaabe language alive and continuing to fight

to help younger band members rise through the ranks. She also mentioned the vital work that tribal liaisons are doing on behalf of Bois Forte but added that she, too, is doing her part.

“Guess who is in there speaking up for our tribal people?” Geshick asked. “I am. I’ll put the state or any other agency at attention not to treat our people in any negative way. It may sound harsh, and I don’t mean to come off like that, but I am so passionate about our tribal people.”

Recorded video messages were also played by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Grant Hauschild, and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan.

Chavers, who submitted a column highlighting some of her address that can be found on page 8, thanked Smith, Klobuchar, and others who are working on behalf of the Bois Forte Band to make sure they not only have a seat at the table but also to ensure their voices are heard.

“Their continued efforts help Bois Forte secure these much-needed grants and allocations,” said Chavers. “Their efforts do not go unnoticed; they are always there to look out for the tribes to better our tribes and tribal members. Chi-Miigwech.”

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1. Nett Lake to Vermilion Round Trip miles 124 X .655 = \$81.22
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3. Nett Lake to Cook Round Trip miles 66 X .655 = \$43.23

Total Reimbursement for the week = \$243.66

Leaders gather to learn more about the State Fire Marshal's Division



HEALTHY DISCUSSION— John Kreuser answers a question posed by Bois Forte Tribal Council District I Representative Shane Drift.

TOWER— The vital role that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division plays in the state was on full display recently when leaders gathered at Fortune Bay.

“Not a lot of people know what we do and how important relationships with our partners are to that work,” said State Fire Marshal Jim Smith. “It takes teamwork to ensure our schools, hotels, nursing homes and other buildings and the people in them are safe.”

The Division is also working hard to solidify the partnership it has with the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and its mutual aid partners.

“It was very productive, and I was impressed by the turnout we had for the meeting,” said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers, who was in attendance along with other members of the tribal council and her leadership team. “It is always encouraging when we get leaders together in the same room to figure out ways we can work together regarding fire safety and oth-

er emergencies that may arise in our respective communities.”

She said it was the first time for this type of meeting where the tribe and all our mutual aid partners were at the same table. Attendees representing the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bois Forte Emergency Management, Bois Forte Fire & Ambulance Departments, Orr Fire Department, Cook Department, Tower Department, Breitung Department, Greenwood Township Department, Vermilion Fire Brigade and Vermilion Township Fire Department were all on hand for the meeting.

Chavers was appreciative that the State Fire Marshal Division and other personnel from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety took the time to answer questions brought forth by those in attendance.

“They were very thorough and spelled out how they can help tribal and non-tribal communities out in

their daily operations as well as future needs,” said Chavers, who added that a healthy discussion took place on mutual aid and what can be done to help address problems facing fire departments in the state. “I think everyone left today’s meeting with a better understanding of how important the State Fire Marshal Division is.”

Fortune Bay’s Risk Manager Jeff Damm was also impressed with the meeting as it touched on a variety of subjects. He said the State Fire Marshal Division talked of service and training it offers to area fire departments.

“They also discussed the roles of each department within the state fire marshal’s office,” said Damm.

He said funding sources for fire departments was discussed as were staffing issues facing fire departments; the importance of recruitment and retention of firefighters and incentives for time serviced as a volunteer firefighter.

“They also talked about understanding Native American Trust Land and the need to combine training between fire departments,” said Damm.

While this was the first of its kind meeting, state officials said it won’t be

the last.

“We expected a few people to this meeting, but we had all the players, including tribal leaders, CEOs, fire leadership, EMS leadership, firefighters, and emergency management officials,” said Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bradley Winger, who is the Assistant State Emergency Teams Coordinator. “They all were optimistic about building solid work relationships with the state, surrounding local entities, and the tribes.”

Winger said the State Fire Marshal Division and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety is also optimistic about future meetings that will be held to continue the momentum. He also thanked former Fortune Bay General Manager and Bois Forte Executive Director Jenna Lehti for setting it up.

“Thanks for what you do,” said Winger of Lehti, who is now the Tribal Liaison for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. “You are our voice for the hard work of the men and women of DPS and the State Fire Marshal Division.”

ELDER'S ROUND TABLE





Minute with Millie

The window I sit beside was in a bit of danger after the first couple of storms left a foot of snow on the ground. The rain gutter had snapped apart at the seam holding it to the edge of the roof.

I watched it for about a week. In particular, whenever the wind blew from the southeast. I'd watch it blowing around, trying to gauge if it was long enough to strike either the big middle window or just the edge. I'd check the snow, hoping the wind had blown it more toward the trees. Least enough so I could go out and either pull the gutter down or nail it out of the way.

Now, you may be wondering why I didn't ask Nolan to fix it. I was being stubborn.

Then, the first sunny day after those first storms, I thought "Duh! Why don't I just open that window and pull it out far enough to get it stuck into the snow bank."

Yah. I opened the window. Nolan came into the living room wondering what I was doing. This involved a selection of broom,



paddles, or finally a shovel my son uses for landscaping. Then, seeing's how he knew his mom, he went to the kitchen.

Whoa! Yeah. You guessed it. That shovel was heavy enough for me to lose control of it. I grimaced and breathed a sigh of thanks when it landed at the edge of the sill instead of the window. It's fixed.

And now, if you'd ever wondered why only part of a gutter is stuck to the roof eave as you're driving by, you know.

Activity Committee until further notice.

In clearing out the storage room at the ENP Center, several old photographs were discovered. When these are reset into frames or photo albums, several evenings or days will be set aside to identify and write a short bio or essay detailing what is happening in the photo. A flyer will be posted when the schedule has been approved. If enough people contribute, we might be able to save a portion of our history with more than just the picture. Sometimes, a photo is bet-

News for Bois Forte Elders

By Millie Holmes

Elders are slowly getting back into the groove of coming into the center for their meals. It's right in the middle of the cold season...flu and RSV abound. All three of these seem almost the same: runny nose or stuffed nose, sore throats, cough. When in doubt, check with the staff at the Clinics. RSV is contagious.

In other news, Activity Committee meetings will resume when By-Laws are checked and presented to the Tribal Council as a prerequisite for rescinding a Resolution suspending the

♥ FEBRUARY ♥

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's (ENP) menu for the month of February. Services offered include nutritious meals served daily, Monday through Friday at the Nett Lake and Vermilion Community Centers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with home-delivered meals available to Elders who are unable to get to the ENP sites.

February 1: Roast Pork, Baby Bakers Potatoes, Roasted Butternut Squash, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 2: Chicken and Wild Rice Soup, Tossed Garden Salad, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 3: Bison Meatloaf, Baked Sweet Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 6: Shrimp & Sausage Jambalaya, Garlic Cheese Biscuit, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 7: Beef Barley Vegetable Soup, Chef Salad, Wheat Roll, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 8: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 9: Country Ham, Baked Acorn Squash, Cauliflower, Berry Yogurt Parfait, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 10: Meatballs and Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 13: Burrito Bowl, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 14: Clam Chowder, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Crackers, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 15: Chef Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 16: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Capri Vegetables, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 17: Bison Stew, Multigrain Bun, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 20: Sliced Beef with Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables, Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 21: Chicken Penne Alfredo, Broccoli Florets, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 22: Wild Rice Meatballs with Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 23: Split Pea Soup, Country Ham, Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage, Wheat Roll, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 24: Pork Loin, Garden Blend Rice, Diced Beets, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 27: Teriyaki Grilled Chicken, Brown Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Green Beans, Chef's Choice Assorted Fruit

February 28: Roast Turkey Slice, Poultry Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, French Cut Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie

ter with a thousand words. Even 500 words. This article is 250 words.

Remember when we struggled through a 500-word essay in English class? Remember when Mr. Haapala changed the requirement of 10 pages to a specific number of words after he discovered some of us wrote in some

mighty big letters just to fill the required 10 pages?

Enough wandering down memory lane. Looking forward to spring's arrival and the planting of the garden.

Nett Lake C Store continues to rebound

Long-term plans include adding Class 2 slots machines and edibles

NETT LAKE—While much work still needs to be done, a plan could soon be rolling out to help improve the long-term financial picture of the Nett Lake Convenience Store.

As reported this past spring, the convenience store has been losing money since opening its doors, but members of the tribal council are resigned to that fact and have gone on record saying the store will always have a presence as it serves an important purpose for the village.

The smaller scale plan has already been put in play to curb the losses experienced by the store. That has included streamlining the product line to remove items that never really moved off the shelves as they became a financial drain when they had to be tossed due to expiration dates. Due to its remote location, the store tried to emulate a grocery store but high prices on certain items such as bacon and other meats chased folks away from making those purchases.

“We just needed to make a few changes within the store,” said Nett Lake C Store Manager Chesty Strong. “And it’s great knowing that we are starting to turn things around up

here.”

Longtime Y Store Manager Paula Bozicevich was brought in to lend her expertise in convenience store management. She said they worked with Cenex to have a retail analysis done, and they identified some key areas that they could focus on to increase profits.

“The store removed one full row of shelving, and that allowed them to open up the floor space and reduce inventory,” said Bozicevich. “They were focusing not only on product selection but also they worked on competitively pricing the store to help reduce the financial loss.”

Strong said getting rid of a full aisle and reducing inventory was a big help, but he added that making sure prices were updated and keeping up with any changes to products, was also important.

“We are trying to have our deli specials again and will try to offer new

things we are currently working on,” said Strong, who added that he might be offering fresh produce and recently started carrying a wider variety of drinks from Coca-Cola.

Other changes include tightening up the hours and watching overhead as it comes to manning the shop.

“Cutting back on some hours during winter helps as they are not really necessary during the slower months,”

said Strong.

Bois Forte Development Corporation CEO Mayan Beltran reported that Fortune Bay is also looking at bringing in Class 2 slot machines to the convenience store and edibles. He added that he has worked with Strong on finding a location in the underused laundromat that is housed within the confines of the store.

“We would move the big washers out because they do not get used very often,” said Strong of the machines that cost \$6 to use. “We don’t really have to do anything with the dryers with the way we have things mapped out (to install the machines).”

Beltran said it is possible that Fortune Bay could use the larger washers at the resort, but a plan has not been made to remove the machines just yet.

“Once the large machines are removed, we will have the ability to put up to eight slot machines in an enclosed area,” said Beltran, who added that they would be participation machines, meaning if they are not performing, they could be removed.

He believes no additional staff will be needed to man the area but added that some cross-training will need to be done to ensure all gaming regulations are followed. He added that mar-

keting efforts would be done consistent with branding already being done for Fortune Bay.

“We could bring in one machine and call it the smallest casino in Minnesota,” joked Bois Forte District I Council Representative Shane Drift.

Beltran added that he would be making a trip to the Nett Lake Convenience store with Fortune Bay’s Director of Surveillance David Schiele to look at areas to install cameras for where the slot machines will be located for security purposes. He will also identify an area to store the edibles, which will be shipped up as needed from Fortune Bay’s new smoke shop, which should have a soft opening in a couple of weeks.

“The staff is looking forward to these additions,” said Strong. “Also, I think it’s great for those who don’t have the means to travel to Fortune Bay, but still want to get a little of the casino action in I think this will be a great option for them.”

Strong said he is not too sure what the store will be carrying in reference to edibles and tobacco products are getting but he and his staff are excited about the forthcoming changes.

“I feel like it will bring in more revenue and again it’s great for those who don’t have the means to travel to other smoke shops for products,” said Strong, who thanked the tribal council, Beltran and Bozicevich for their help throughout this process. “I also want to thank my staff at the store for working hard and helping things run smoothly.”

Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers said she is encouraged by the plans in place to help out the C Store, which is a lifeline for many of the residents.

“Good job Chesty,” said Chavers during a recent BFDC meeting in which these matters were discussed. “It’s nice to be talking positively about the future of this store.”



LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of: JDI, DOB: 09/26/2016. Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Starr Marie Lanham and William Lynn Isham, Respondents. Court File No. JV-2022-0005.

To: Starr Marie Lanham

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 December 29, 2022. A hearing on the above petition will be held February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard via Zoom, at the Bois Forte Children’s Court, Bois Forte Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Suite B, Orr, MN 55771.

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

By the Court, Megan Treuer, Chief Judge
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court

Attorney for the Petitioner, Tessa V. Jacobson
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Bois Forte's Arielle Wagner recognized for work on legal case

MINNEAPOLIS—Congratulations to Lockridge Grindal Nauen (LGN) P.L.L.P. Associate Arielle Wagner and LGN Partners Kate Baxter-Kauf and Kristen G. Marttila, who were recognized as a Group Honoree by Minnesota Lawyer for their work on the matter *State of Minnesota v. Stevenson*.

Wagner, a Bois Forte band member, is the daughter of Tracey Strong Dagen and granddaughter of the late Mary Strong.

The team successfully litigated a pro bono criminal appeal by a client who was unlawfully detained by police. In August 2022, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that a sheriff's deputy unconstitutionally expanded the scope of a traffic stop by opening the door of our client's lawfully parked car without an individualized, reasonable, and articulable justification, and reversed the district court's denial of the motion to suppress evidence obtained after the car door was opened. The team considers this a victory for individual rights and is proud that this case will help protect Minnesotans from unconstitutional searches in the future.

This case is the most recent example of the approximately one dozen appeals LGN attorneys have handled as Special Assistant Public Defenders in conjunction with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense Appellate Public Defender's Office and the Minnesota State Bar Associate Appellate Practice Section. LGN Partner Kristen Marttila serves as the firm's pro bono



TALENTED YOUNG LADY!— Bois Forte's Arielle Wagner continues her rise in the legal system for the work she does for the Lockridge Grindal Nauen law firm in the Twin Cities.

committee chair, while Partner Kate Baxter-Kauf oversees the criminal appellate pro bono defense practice.

Congratulations to all three members of LGN and a special shout out to Wagner for her continued excellence she brings to her field!

"Arielle is to be commended for the work she does on behalf of all her clients," said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers. "We are extremely proud of her. She is another shining example of just how much talent Bois Forte band members bring to the table as it pertains to law and protecting the rights of people who need it most."

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BOIS FORTE TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Monday-Friday

9:00-3:00

No Appointment Needed

Please bring one of the following to receive a Tribal ID:

- Original Certified Birth Certificate
- State Issued Driver's License
- State Issued Identification Card
- Valid Passport

For replacement Tribal ID cards or for any changes made before the expiration date, there will be a \$12.00 fee (cash or check).

Any questions, please contact Kathie Holman, Tribal Enrollment Coordinator, at (218) 757-3261 ext. 1162 or Kathie.holman@boisforte-nsn.gov

GED CLASSES

Bois Forte Band Members in the Nett Lake & Vermilion Communities

Set your own goals and work at your own pace!

Registration February 8, 2023 9:00 am at the Virginia AEOA Office

- **To be eligible, an individual must be at least 17 years of age or older, not currently enrolled in a secondary school**
- **Online and In-person classes are available**
- **No cost classes, while following thru with your classes**
- **Bois Forte's 477 Program will sponsor your testing**
- **Computers available for use at the Nett Lake 477 Office for classes**
- **477 Intake Form will need to be completed. Please contact Vonda Carr at 218-757-3261 ext. 1400 for an Intake Form & Ride Sign Up**

GED registration transportation will be provided Wednesday, February 8 to the Virginia AEOA Office for 9:00 AM registration

CALL Vonda Carr 218-757-3261 ext. 1400 to sign up for transportation

Deadline to sign up for transportation is Friday, February 3, 2023

Pick up stops are:

Tribal Government Building 6:15-6:20 AM

The Dam 6:50-6:55 AM

Vermilion Wellness Center 8:00-8:05 AM

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Chavers talks about optimistic future for Bois Forte

Editor's note: In lieu of Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers monthly column, we are running some highlights of her address. If you would like to see her entire address, please visit www.boisforte.com to watch the 2023 State of the Band

Boozhoo!

It is an honor to be standing before you in person together as a group to present the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa State of the Band address for 2023.

It has been a long time since our last in-person gathering for this event,



and it warms my heart to see everyone who could attend in person and for those who are live streaming today. It is our way as Anishinaabe people to be with our friends, families, and colleagues to work together, visit amongst ourselves, enjoy laughter and heartache, and share stories and life lessons. Some cannot join us as they have begun their journey to the spirit world, and I would like to ask at this time to have a moment of silence to acknowledge them. Miigwech.

I want to commend our frontline workers and healthcare emergency personnel staff for putting their lives on the line every day to ensure that people's needs are taken care of. We have often told our federal, state, and county agencies that we know how to take care of our people. They need to allow us to do so with the flexibility to meet the needs of our tribal members as we see, as we have been doing this for hundreds of years, and we are still here. We

are resilient and are always looking to the future for our unborn and the next seven generations too.

As tribal leaders, we can make changes for the future due to the many years of being invisible. What I mean by that is we were never spoken of or talked to regarding any matter until after the decisions were already made. However, tribal consultation into law in the state of Minnesota is giving the tribes a seat before these critical decisions is made at every table. It also gives us tremendous opportunities to move forward. Many of you may not believe this, but tribal leaders have never been so busy or meeting so much since tribal consultation has come forward. Along with the advancement of Zoom and Teams and others, every day has two to four virtual or in-person meetings.

A great example of meetings and consultation is the influx of funding from the federal government. This amount of funding for tribes has been astounding and never seen in the history of the United States. It has been a long time coming, and Bois Forte is being very proactive in our efforts to try and secure as much funding through either direct allocations or grant based to address the unmet needs of the tribe.

There have been many projects, grant applications, and ARPA funding that Bois Forte has access to in the past year. First and foremost, thank you to our friends and allies at the federal level. I want to say Chi-Miigwech to Senator Tina Smith and Senator Amy Klobuchar for their ongoing work and advocacy to ensure that tribes are included in funding and legislative opportunities. Their continued efforts to help Bois Forte secure these much-needed grants and allocations. Their actions do not go unnoticed, and they are always there to look out for the tribes to better our tribes and tribal members.

Next, I want to tell you what some of Bois Forte's projects are.

ARPA funding has allowed Bois Forte to get essential and much-needed assistance from outside companies to conduct various intricate areas need-

ed for the tribe to move forward. One company is Blue Stone Strategy. Phase I was to identify leadership goals. To move toward these goals, Blue Stone facilitated the Recovery Allocation Planning Project, which was a two-day work session to complete this phase.

Bois Forte moved into Phase II of our Blue Stone Strategy project. This phase's priority involves identifying all the available funding sources, which continues today. We have an updated draft of our Comprehensive 5-year strategic plan, developed a new wage compensation study, an economic diversification plan, a governmental organizational structure assessment, and a communications plan and community engagement. Also being worked on are succession planning for the tribe and an HR assessment. To move forward, there is no way that we could develop all this much-needed information with our current staff as they already have too much on their plates to take on additional work.

We also provided monetary relief payments to our tribal members in the total amount of \$3,200 per adult tribal member. We provided premium pay to our employees both on the government side and tribal businesses side.

Two Emergency Rental Assistance programs have been almost 100% obligated; Bois Forte's Homeowners Assistance fund, currently being developed to help band member homeowners who are struggling, which the state of MN also has for MN citizens. We have the upcoming small business loan program for tribal members and descendants to start their own businesses working alongside the collaboration of the IRRR, Northspan, Entrepreneur Fund, MN DEED, and the Northland Foundation.

We also realized that we have until 2024 to have the ARPA funds allocated, which is just around the corner, and 2026 to have them spent. We invested 52% of our ARPA money (\$15,000,000) in ensuring that we are looking forward to our current tribal members' needs and the next seven generations. It is not

what is only done for today, but for the future of Bois Forte.

Bois Forte received \$29 million from the CARES Act and ARPA. I am extremely proud to say that through the diligent and hard work of our directors, grant writers, and staff, Bois Forte has received over approximately \$49 million in grant funding, and that amount will continue to go up as we are still in progress.

Bois Forte IT Director Randy Long received a grant award of \$19.8 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for much-needed broadband services to the land adjacent to our reservation boundaries, covering all of Orr, northside of Pelican Lake, resorts on the south side of Hwy. 23, southern and western shores of Lake Vermilion, all of Greenwood Township and the west side of the city of Tower to include the Tower airport. This connectivity will allow for band member businesses and potential businesses to have the ability to succeed as well as help our surrounding area.

Our public transit manager, Jennie Rowland, received a \$3 million grant for a new transit facility, infrastructure, and walking trail. Toni Wakemup received a grant under transit for \$739,000 for six propane-fueled buses and a fueling station.

In addition, we received a grant for \$700,000 to construct a new Vermilion Maintenance facility and food shelf from the Indian Development Block Grant.

Doris Isham, our grant writer, received a \$2.9 million dollar grant through the Department of Labor for Displaced workers, which will be incorporated into our newly approved 477 program.

BFHHS received the SPDI 5-year grant for our Special Diabetes program for over \$100,000 per year.

Other projects that we are continuing to pursue funding for are elderly housing for Nett Lake and Vermilion, a new community Health Building, a new

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DNR building, which will include our environmental services, realty, water quality lab, and a much-needed new storage area for the best wild rice in the world and a traditional roundhouse. These are just some of the grants received and others we are working on for the future, but additional duties, responsibilities, and reporting requirements come with these additional funds.

Here are some other highlights:

•We developed a new Maintenance Department. Maintenance is becoming an issue with all our buildings and housing, so we initiated this department to be more centralized and productive. This will incorporate the Housing Department maintenance as well. This department will be partially funded with the new 105 Leasing money available to tribes through the BIA and IHS.

•The Bois Forte 477 program was officially approved by the federal government and is now operational. This program will help with our workforce issues for those who need assistance to become employed. For example, with the maintenance department, our directors have been working with the newly established Northern Minnesota college system to train our maintenance

department in the various areas of basic plumbing, electrical, construction, and more. This will only enhance their skills to provide quality services to our tribal members.

•Bois Forte has also made history. First, with our own tribal member, Professor Tadd Johnson, who was the University of MN's first senior director of tribal relations, and this year became the first Native member of the Board of Regents. We are so proud of Tadd and his vast accomplishments!

•Finally, Bois Forte celebrated the historical return of more than 28,000 acres of former reservation land, which was procured in partnership with the Conservation Fund and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, along with a \$500,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux tribe. The land that falls within the Nett Lake is Deer Creek sections of Bois Forte, accounting for 21% of our combined acreage. This land was lost to us 120 years ago when the federal government sold it to timber companies and homesteaders, with Potlatch lumber company owning most of it.

Through the Conservation Fund, which obtained the land from Potlatch Deltic and approached us with returning the land to us. It was then that the

Indian Land Tenure Foundation came in to make this a reality. Without any federal government involvement, this arrangement represents a model for other tribal nations working to reclaim their land. We never dreamed this would ever be possible, but it represents a long-range goal of the band to restore our land to ensure hunting, gathering, fishing, and trapping land for our children, our children's children, and the future of Bois Forte.

We again want to thank the Conservation Fund, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, and the Shakopee tribe for their help with this.

I can go on and on and on, but in closing, there is still a tremendous

amount of work to be done. The past two years have been unprecedented and grueling. Although the tribal leaders can take the credit for all that has been accomplished, it is our staff who deserve all the much-needed credit for their work and dedication to Bois Forte.

Without them, we would not be where we are today, so whenever you have the chance, tell them Miigwech and great job! Too often, they only hear the negative and need to hear the positive. We need our staff to ensure that services are being provided, programs are being administered, and much more, not only for today but for the future of Bois Forte.

Bois Forte Victim Services

Invites you to attend **Human Trafficking Workshop**

February 6, 2023
Time: 8:00AM-4:30PM
NO FEE for the Workshop
- Light Lunch included-

Fortune Bay Resort & Casino
1430 Bois Forte Rd
Tower MN, 55790
Woodland Ballroom

Join Us and Learn about

Human Trafficking & Exploitation in Minnesota
Dynamics, Potential Indicators of Grooming, Minnesota Safe Harbor Law

Bois Forte New Tribal Codes Established on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Presenting each task for Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF) and the Tribes United Against Sex Trafficking (TRUST). We will be sharing about each task force, the trends we are seeing in cases, a little about human trafficking, and how task forces work in collaboration.

Unspoken Voices chartered. Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy & Subject Matter Expert (Human Trafficking)

Who Should Attend:

Tribal Officials, Bois Forte Employees, Community Members, Judicial Staff, Guardian ad Litem, Law Enforcement, SANE Nurses, Social Workers, and Advocates



Please Register to Attend ASAP to save your seat
Contact: Brandy Sykes, Victims Advocate
bsykes@boisforte-nsn.gov
218-757-3295 Ext 279

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Friends and family gather at SOTB to revive community bonds

TOWER—The 2023 State of the Band was a welcome relief for those who celebrated with one another at Fortune Bay Resort Casino on Thursday, January 19th. It marked the first time since 2020 that an in-person event was held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I came in from Hibbing for this,” said Robert Carlson, while taking a quick break from visiting informational booths that were set up in the pre-function area at Fortune Bay. “I used to serve on the board of directors

from 1993 to 1997, so it’s nice to run into people I have not seen in years. It’s nice to rekindle friendships like this.”

Former Bois Forte Tribal Chair Gary Donald agreed.

“I like the atmosphere and the booths as the people working them keep me informed on what is going on on our reservation,” said Donald, who is enjoying retirement at the age of 90 with no signs of slowing down. “They’ve had these before, but now they seem to be getting better every

year. I also enjoy being reacquainted with people who remember me, and it’s just nice to be around people like that.”

Donald’s sister, Elaine Tibbetts, who lives on Tibbetts Trail just down the road from Fortune Bay, was also having a great time visiting with people throughout the day.

“It’s good to see everybody you know,” said Tibbetts. “I like visiting the booths and am looking forward to the program and dinner.”

The day began with attendees vis-

iting nearly 30 informational booths that were set up in the pre-function area, plus the Sumac room, Spruce room, and Executive Boardroom, where Bois Forte CFO Kim Greiner and Fortune Bay’s Brad Anderson, along with CEO/GM Mayan Beltran gave an update on financials.

While Bois Forte was well-represented at the informational booths, outside agencies such as the Minnesota State Patrol, Department of Corrections, 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota

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Bois Forte Housing Department’s Housing Assistance Fund

- Are you behind on your Home Mortgage, HOA fees, Property Taxes, and/or utility payments from 01/21/20?
- You must be enrolled at Bois Forte or an adult with at least one minor BF band member enrolled who lives in your household?
- Are your outstanding housing related expense is due unemployment, illness, or another issue experienced after January 21, 2020, because of COVID-19

Eligible Expenses Categories that the HAF program (Housing Assistance Fund) can assist with are:

<i>Mortgage payment assistance</i>	<i>Mortgage principal reduction</i>
<i>Payment assistance with utilities</i>	<i>Payment assistance for Insurance</i>
<i>Payment assistance with delinquent property taxes</i>	<i>Assistance to reinstate mortgage</i>
<i>Assistance to help reduce interest rate</i>	<i>Payment Assistance with internet</i>
<i>Payment assistance with HOA fees, liens, fees</i>	<i>Prevention of displacement (repairs)</i>

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF YOUR HOME only (1) IS REQUIRED: types of proof include:

Current property tax statement (PREFERRED), Recorded Warranty deed, Recorded contract for deed, Certificate of title (manufactured homes), Tribal land lease **MUST BE YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE**

PROOF OF INCOME REQUIRED FOR ALL INCOME SOURCES: Your household (FAMILY) must be at or below 150% of your median area income. Your adjusted gross income, as reported on your 2021 Federal Income Tax Form 1040 series. Or your current income using your most recent pay information, Pay statements your most recent 6 consecutive pay periods for all adults, Eligibility letters by government programs such as Social Security, Bank statements showing deposit amounts, other pay documents.

FUNDS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE VENDOR OR UTILITY COMPANY: the fund will not distribute more than \$7,500 total between all of the above program categories per primary resident. Homeowners may be eligible to receive assistance from other state programs in conjunction with this program but not duplicate the program category during the same month of assistance received.

A SUBMITTED APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ASSISTANCE APPROVAL

Actual award assistance will depend on eligibility and available funding. Please be aware that other documentation may be required i.e., such as demonstrating a financial hardship after 01/21/20, utility bills in the Applicant’s, Spouse’s or Co-owner’s name with Account numbers, etc...

Applications via Laserfiche will be potentially available 02/10/2023 Please contact Theresa M. Morrison Phone at 218-757-3261 ext. 1165 or you can apply online at boisforte.com under COVID-19 program and applications

Bois Forte HAF program



February is Heart Month



Life’s Essential 8 are the key measures for improving and maintaining cardiovascular health, as defined by the American Heart Association. Better cardiovascular health helps lower the risk for heart disease, stroke, and other major health problems.

Do you know “Life’s Essential 8” for Heart Health?

The 8 steps listed below can help you see how the choices we make and the actions we take can make a difference in our heart health, as well as overall well-being.

Step 1: Eat Better. Eating better and healthier doesn’t have to mean being on a “diet”. Think of this as a meal plan. The AHA recommends a healthy eating pattern that includes whole foods, fruits, vegetables, lean protein, nuts, and seeds, as well as cooking in non-tropical oils like olive and canola.

Step 2: Be More Active. Adults should get 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity, like walking, taking a bike ride, water aerobics and gardening, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous activity, like running, spinning or swimming laps. Wherever you start your fitness journey, the goal is to get up and get moving.

Step 3: Quit Tobacco. Sometimes easier said than done.

Step 4: Get Healthy Sleep. Most adults need 7-9 hours of sleep each night. Adequate sleep promotes healing, brain function, and reduces the risk for chronic disease.

Step 5: Manage Weight. Understanding your Body Mass Index (BMI), journal your food intake, learning portion control. There are many health benefits to managing your weight.

Step 6: Control Cholesterol. First, know your cholesterol levels, then work with your primary care provider to maintain or help lower your levels if needed. High cholesterol levels can lead to an increased risk of heart disease.

Step 7: Manage Blood Sugar. Know your blood glucose (sugar) levels. This is very important in maintaining good health and preventing the risk of diabetes, which can lead to heart disease and stroke. Work with your primary care provider to monitor these levels and know your risks.

Step 8: Manage Blood Pressure. Keeping your blood pressure at a normal range can keep you healthier longer.

** Scheduling annual visits with your primary care provider can ensure your cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure levels are all regularly checked and monitored. If these levels are higher/lower than they should be, you can begin to work toward a treatment plan with your provider and be followed by a case manager who will help guide and coordinate care for patients, families, and caregivers as they navigate their health and wellness journey.

Call our clinics today to schedule your Annual Visit with one of our providers.

Nett Lake Clinic 218-757-3650 Vermilion Clinic 218-753-2182



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DNR, and St. Louis County School District 2142 were also in attendance.

Bois Forte programs that had booths included Native Hearts Fitness, KBFT Radio, Planning & Community Development, Victim Services, New Moon Housing and Homeless programs, plus several branches of Health and Human Services, not to mention 1854 Treaty Authority and the Nett Lake School.

The remaining booths were as follows: Healing Toward Wellness, Fortune Bay HR, Embarrass Credit Union, Accounting-Minor Trust Account, Foster Care/ICW, 477 Education, Boys and Girls Club, Nutrition Education, Early Childhood, Enrollment/HR, and Housing.

Flu shots and COVID-19 boosters were given by the Nursing Department, while the 1854 Treaty Authority and Enrollment were making IDs for those who needed them.

“There was a lot of traffic throughout the day, and it

was great to see,” said Beltran, who was taking in his first in-person State of the Band as the CEO of the BFDC and GM of Fortune Bay. “We had several people stop in to ask pertinent questions about our financials while others were on hand to learn more about all of the programs Bois Forte offers.”

Newly hired Bois Forte Executive Director Luke Warnsholz, who emceed the event, was also impressed with the turnout.

“I would like to personally thank our staff for the hard work they put in to make this year’s State of the Band a special one,” said Warnsholz as he addressed the large crowd in The Woodlands Ballroom, which included a special visit by Senator Tina Smith. “This event doesn’t just magically happen—there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work done to ensure our band members know what resources are available to them in their time of need.”

Tribal Chair Cathy Chav-



GOOD TIMES!— This was one happy table at the 2023 State of the Band! Pictured, left to right, are: Millie Holmes, Ryne Villebrun, Victoria “Wicko” Holmes, Jen “Juice” Villebrun, Cocoa Villebrun and Lucas Reynolds. We will run more State of the Band photos in the March edition of the BFN.

ers gave her State of the Band Address, highlighting the band’s accomplishments in 2022 and what’s in store for 2023.

Council Representatives

Robert Moyer, Jr., Shane Drift, and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Geshick also addressed the crowd and spoke of their work on behalf of all band mem-

If you would like to hear their messages, please visit the Bois Forte Tribal Government website (www.boisforte.com)

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of: N.I. a/k/a N.G.B., DOB: 11/08/2012. Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Starr Marie Lanham and Brandon Stuart Bearheart, Respondents. Court File No. JV-2022-0004.

To: Starr Marie Lanham and Brandon Stuart Bearheart

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 December 29, 2022. A hearing on the above petition will be held February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard via Zoom, at the Bois Forte Children’s Court, Bois Forte Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Suite B, Orr, MN 55771.

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

By the Court, Megan Treuer, Chief Judge

Janell Smith, Clerk of Court

Attorney for the Petitioner, Tessa V. Jacobson
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 March 2023 issue
 is Feb. 15, 2023.**