

## **Bois Forte News**



## Find your new career at Fortune Bay or with Bois Forte!

Are you looking for that perfect summer job or perhaps even a career change?

Then it's time to reach check out the Bois Forte website (www.boisforte.com) or Fortune Bay Resort Casino's website (www.fortunebay.com) as there are many jobs available that cover a wide array of fields.

To help fill positions, Fortune Bay's management team held a Job Fair in April and another one is slated for Saturday, May 1. The first one resulted in 11 new hires.

At the first Job Fair, Fortune Bay staff members, along with some BFDC businesses, had set up tables throughout the expansive pre-function area near The Woodlands Ballroom. Each person manning a



READY TO GO TO WORK!—Fortune Bay's Melissa Abts, left, and Charlie Riihiluoma, center, talk to Xavier Wakemup, right, about available jobs in the Maintenance Department during a recent Job Fair.

table had information about current openings and job applications within their departments. HR had computers available and HR staff was ready to assist people with the online application process.

"So far we've had a handful of good, quality candidates stop by," said Maintenance Administrative Assistant Melissa Abts as she finished talking with potential hire Xavier Wakemup. "It has been an all-around great experience with the Job Fair."

Currently, Fortune Bay, Bois Forte Development Corporation, and the Reservation Tribal Government (RTG) have nearly four dozen positions available.

Fortune Bay or BFDC positions include Grill Cook, Grill Cashier, Maintenance Technician I & III; Y-Store Cashier; Room Attendant; Nett Lake C-Store Cashier-PT; Bar Beverage Server- PT/FT; Security Officer; Promotions Team Member; Sparkle Squad; Nett Lake C-Store Manager; Director of Hospitality; Resort Sales Manager; Gift Shop Cashier; Janitorial Technician; Steakhouse Server; Restaurant Line Cook; Restaurant Host/Hostess and Resort Night Auditor.

"We would have liked to see more activity," said Fortune Bay's Director of Human Resources Beth Adams after the first Job Fair, "but we also understand these aren't normal times. It's still pretty early though and I am confident we'll get these openings filled."

Bois Forte openings include: Bus Driver, Laboratory Technician, Dental Hygienist, Pharmacy Technician, Dental Assistant, Head Start Early Head Start Teacher Aide Substitute, Clinic Administrator, Health and Human Services Director, and an On-Call Dental Assistant.

"We really need to fill jobs and encourage Bois Forte band members and non-band members to reach out to our HR Department or Fortune Bay's HR Department to inquire about these openings," said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers. "Fortune Bay is a great place to work as are our BFDC businesses and the RTG."

In an effort to keep the momentum of the recent Job Fair going, another Job Fair is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 in The Woodlands Ballroom. "I like the format," said Abts of the Job Fair. "We get to ask them questions and they can ask us specific questions about the jobs we have available."

Abts added that the format gives them a way to get familiar with potential new hires as opposed to looking at a resume and at the same time, it gives attendees a chance to meet people they might end up working with.

"It's a great way to fill our available jobs," said Abts, who added that maintenance has four current openings.

If you are in the market for a new job, make sure to keep Fortune Bay, Bois Forte Business Development Corporation, and the RTG in mind as both entities offer a great work environment with flexible schedules, great benefits and so much more!

"We're coming into our busy summer season and need to get these positions filled," said Adams. "I think if we collaborate with Bois Forte's HR team that we'll be successful."

Please go to www.boisforte.com or www.fortunebay.com to see the latest job listings — thank you!

If you have a news item or announcement you'd like put in the Bois Forte News, please send it to news@boisforte-nsn.gov The deadline for the June newspaper is May 20, thank you!

## Local Public Health teams up for Gratitude Challenge

The Arrowhead Regional Public Health and Tribal Health Departments are challenging community members to share what they are grateful for during the month of May, which is National Mental Health Month.

People are encouraged to share what they are grateful for on social media with the #GratitudeAttitudeMN. Schools and businesses are also urged to participate with gratitude challenges for their students or staff.

"Showing gratitude and being thankful helps improve your physical and mental health by improving your mood, as we express appreciation for the positive things we have decreased depression and stress," said Crissy I-Wade, Mental Health Supervisor/Therapist for Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. "Gratitude helps improve your outlook on life. Being grateful helps to improve your relationships,

as you and the people around you will feel more loved, cared about, happier, and appreciative that they have you in their life. Practice gratitude and show appreciation every day to improve your mental health, physical health, and relationships and together our community will grow."

Mental well-being has been a top priority throughout the pandemic. To highlight available resources and increase well-being in the region, the group chose to emphasize the practice of gratitude.

According to Dr. Laurie Santos, a Yale psychology professor, up to 40 percent of our happiness is under our conscious control. Regular gratitude practice is one of the tools Dr. Santos teaches to increase happiness in her course, The Science of Well-Being.

# **Bois Forte Heritage Center & Cultural Museum**

#### Let's Get to know Our Elders

Seeking Elders for Conversations:
Story Telling, Family, Memories, Fun Facts, Ect.
Taken place on Zoom or at the Heritage Center

For more information, Please Contact the Heritage

Center.

Kyle Littlewolf: Visitor Service Manager

Jaylen Strong: Director/THPO



Research over the past 15 years shows that gratitude has an incredible impact on health. The benefits for those that practice gratitude include increasing happiness, reducing anxiety and depression, strengthening the immune system, and sleeping better, among a host of other advantages.

"As difficult as this pandemic has been on our community members, for so many reasons, we truly do have so much to be grateful for," said Kelly Chandler, Itasca County Public Health Division Manager. "We

have vaccines less than a year into the pandemic, our students have been able to participate in activities as well as have in person learning. Businesses have been able to reopen with safety measures in place. Intentionally giving thought to what we are grateful for improves our physical and mental health, our relationships, enhances empathy and self-esteem. As we move into Mental Health Awareness Month, we encourage our communities to give thought and intention to what they are grateful for and what they are looking forward to post-pandemic. Join us in the #GratitudeAttitudeMN challenge on social media."

Gratitude is a powerful practice, but many individuals in our community may need more mental health assistance.

Text HOME to 741741 to

connect with a Crisis Counselor or call 1-800-273-8255 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The Arrowhead Regional Public Health and Tribal Health Departments group consists of staff from Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis County Public Health and Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal Health. They have been working together on regional messaging related to COVID-19 for the past six months.

## Bois Forte Heritage Center and Cultural Museum to show that we are something else we've decided to have a sale to encourage learning more about Bois Forte and our History

- Max of 50% off
- Items marked with Orange Ticket
- 2 Question Types to choose from
  - Museum or Cultural Questions
- ANSWER TRIVIA TO INCREASE % OFF
- Questions get harder the more questions you get right!
- Get 3 questions wrong, you quit earning your discount



Sale goes 5/1/2021 - 6/30/2021 Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM

1500 Bois Forte Rd, Tower MN 55790

218-753-6017

## FCC announces start date of emergency broadband benefit program; reimbursement would be \$75 per month for those living on tribal lands

FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica
Rosenworcel announced the start
date of the Emergency Broadband
Benefit Program. As of May 12, 2021,
eligible households will be able to
enroll in the Program to receive a
monthly discount off the cost of
broadband service from an approved
provider. Eligible households
can enroll through an

can enroll through an approved provider or by visiting https:// getemergencybroadband.org.

"Families in every corner of the country have been struggling to get online throughout this pandemic. For those families, we now say help is around the corner. In less than two weeks, we will have a new way for disconnected Americans to access the internet to carry out their day- to-day life, so they can reach the virtual classroom, take advantage of telehealth, and seek new employment opportunities. I'm proud of the work we've done as an agency to get this program off the ground in record time," said Rosenworcel.

Between now and the start date, the FCC encourages partners and participating providers to conduct outreach efforts so that every eligible household knows about the program and how to sign up. The Commission will be providing a variety of materials for partners to use in

their efforts to increase awareness about the program. During this time, the FCC and its program administrator, USAC, will continue to ensure that appropriate privacy and security safeguards are in place. The FCC also urges providers to continue



to test their own systems for the program launch.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program will provide eligible households with discounts of up to \$50 a month for broadband service, and up to \$75 a month if the household is on Tribal lands. It also will provide a one-time discount of up to \$100 on a computer or tablet for eligible households.

Under the law, the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is open to households that participate in an existing low-income or pandemic relief program offered by a broadband provider; Lifeline subscribers, including those that are on Medicaid or accept SNAP benefits;

**Big Woods Transit** will be running the Ajidamoo Route (Vermilion to Virginia) Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Please call 1-888-757-1540 before 9 a.m. on these days to schedule a rideand remember, no mask-No ride! Social distancing required while on the bus. Big Woods Transit is not charging fares, thanks!

households with kids receiving free and reduced-price lunch or school breakfast; Pell grant recipients; and those who have lost jobs and seen their income reduced in the last year.

For more information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, please visit:

https://www.fcc.gov/ broadbandbenefit



## Boshey gets promoted to Table Games Manager

Fortune Bay Resort Casino is pleased to announce the hiring of its new Tables Game Manager Cheyenne Boshey!

Boshey, who is the son of Billie Deegan and Steve Boshey, grew up in Lakeland, which is about five miles south of Biwabik. He graduated from Mesabi East High School in Aurora. After high school, he took a semester at Itasca Community College and then transferred to Mesabi Range.

"While I was in school at Mesabi, I took the blackjack training here at Fortune Bay and I've basically been here since," said Boshey, a Bois Forte Band Member, who has two sons, Mason, 14, and Hayden, 11. "I've had a few jobs off and on (such as being a roofer, bartender, and working at the Boys and Girls Club), but I've mainly been here my entire adult life."

He said he started in table games as a dealer and then was made a full-time supervisor shortly thereafter. He has been a casino host and a slot tech as



READY TO TAKE OVER! — Bois Forte Band Member Cheyenne Boshey was recently promoted to Table Games Manager at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Congratulations, Cheyenne on this well-deserved promotion!

well. Boshey eventually came back to the table games department and then took over the role of poker room supervisor.

"I am honestly grateful for this promotion," said Boshey, who has four siblings and has been in a serious relationship with his girlfriend, Maija, for the past three and a half years. "I have interviewed for this job multiple times in the past and looking back on it now, I know I wasn't completely ready."

However, given his wealth of knowledge in table games, he knew the timing was right to take over for Dan Padgett, who recently retired.

Boshey said he already has a few goals in mind on how to improve the operations of Fortune Bay's table games. He is thankful for the knowledge he gleaned by working closely with dealers in Fortune Bay's Poker Room. That includes the willingness to make sacrifices for the team and for working together as a team.

"That's the main mentality that I want to bring to the whole table games department," said Boshey.
"I've also been lucky enough to have worked under a bunch of smart and talented managers who have passed down a lot of knowledge to me."

And Boshey wants to be a manager who pays it forward for his team. He said he can do that by passing along the knowledge he has gleaned in his time at Fortune Bay.

"I would love to be a lifetime employee here, but if by chance I were to leave, I would like the person who would take this position to be someone from this department," said Boshey.

While he'll be busy learning the nuances of his new job, Boshey doesn't want things to get stagnant under his watch. Instead, he wants to modernize the gaming experience here.

"There are so many games out there and always new games coming out," explained Boshey. "We might get these "in-between casino" customers to become regulars here by offering them something different than just the same old blackjack. And that's what I'm hoping we can do here, soon."

But the main thing that Boshey wants to instill in his team is to provide guests with a memorable experience that keeps them coming back.

"I just look forward to working closely with everyone in my department to build up that morale and build up our team skills to make this department great and fun!" said Boshey.

#### Calling all 2021 graduates!

We would love to share your milestone in the June issue. It is free to submit a graduation announcement. Graduates of all ages are welcome. You can email a photo with a short description of your achievement to

news@boisforte-nsn.gov The deadline for submission is May 20th by noon. Thank you and congratulations!

## Latest COVID-19 update from Bois Forte Health Services

On April 29, 2021, Bois Forte Health Services confirmed that there were NO new cases of COVID-19 on the Bois Forte Reservation.

Bois Forte Reservation currently has 6 active positive cases of COVID-19.

Bois Forte has had a total of 70 active and recovered positive cases of COVID-19, 30 in Nett Lake and 40 in Vermilion.

Recovered, means they are no longer contagious and have been released from

isolation.

Rest assured that Bois Forte Health is doing everything in its power to keep the Reservation community safe while also providing support for those who have tested positive for COVID-19. Bois Forte Health will maintain regular contact with the isolated individuals and will monitor their compliance with isolation instructions. Bois Forte Health is engaged in contact tracing and will follow up with those suspected of having recent contact with the individuals who tested positive. Finally, the Band is coordinating with the Minnesota Department of Health regarding positive cases on-Reservation to ensure a robust and thorough public health response.

If you have any questions regarding the Band's public

health efforts, please contact the Band's Community Health Nurse, Teri Morrison, at 218-750-2227. To the extent permissible under the law, Bois Forte Health will keep the public apprised of any developments regarding positive cases. Stay safe and be well.



#### Sign up deadline is fast approaching for OSHKI AKI (New Earth) event

Just a reminder to sign up for OSHKI AKI (New Earth) event by Friday, May 7th!

While the event runs from 10 a.m.

until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 29th, those who sign up only have to spend 30 minutes for the process of tree planting and education.

The tree planting area is in Housing (Palmquist). Please park at the courthouse. Spots are limited.

This year's event will include:

Participant bags

- T-shirts
- Trees to plant

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Educational pieces

 Boxed lunch to take home

"Due to COVID-19, we will be taking precautions and the necessary steps to maintain social distancing and the spread of the virus," said Bois Forte Health & Human Services Maternal Child Health Coordinator Marissa Rose. "Miigwech."



Please join us in giving back to Earth by signing up for our community tree planting event on SATURDAY MAY 29th 2021 FROM 10 AM - 2 PM.

The tree planting area is in Housing (Palmquist).

Please park at court house. Spots are limited,

the sign up deadline is MAY 7TH 2021.

Contact Marissa Rose with the Family Spirit

Program. Contact information below.



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mrose@boisforte-nsn.gov

Collaborating Programs:











\*\*\*as this is a community event, masks are required, vaccinated or not. Maintain social distancing and use covid safety precautions.

## Bois Forte Band member Nancy Stanaway passes away

It is with extreme sadness that our family announces the December 6th, 2020 passing of our beautiful and beloved Mother, Nancy G. Stanaway.

Nancy was born on January 14, 1941, in Tower, MN to Rose (Boshey) and Joe Columbus.

Her childhood memories were of times spent with her siblings and cousins.

In 1958 Nancy married
Richard Stanaway and raised
7 children in the Virginia

area. Later, Nancy obtained a degree from Globe College of Business. She worked at Juel Fairbanks, a Native American social agency for 20 years. After retirement, her greatest joy was time spent with family, friends, and especially

her grandchildren. Nancy was proud to be a respected elder of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

During her life, Nancy grieved the loss of her parents, her siblings Joe Jr, Doris, Russel, Shirley, Leonard, Joanne, Charles (Chuckie), and Christine (Tina); and beloved son Michael J Stanaway. Nancy also grieved the passing of former husband Richie, two sons-in-law, Harlan S and Gene M, and many others dear to her.

She is survived by her loving and almost perfect children: Marlin "Poncho" (Cheyenne D.) Stanaway; Michele (Mark R.) Maki; Joseph (Laura B.) Stanaway; Sheila "Sissy" (John) Cashman; Gay



Stanaway; and Charlene (Bill) Evans; by her beloved and definitely perfect grandchildren: Derek (Sonya), Jared, Jason, Josef (Mesa), and Christian; Christopher, Amanda; Chloe, Jenna; Zachary, Jeremy, Christina, and Vince; and her wonderful great grandchildren: Riley, Addison, Derek Jr, and Thomas. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions on gathering, an outdoor family

Celebration of
Nancy's Life will be held in the warm
days of spring/ summer.

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Ride

Route Schedule Information: Fortune Bay 1 Route 5AM—Pickups in Nett Lake

5:45— Pickups in Orr 6:10AM—Pickups in Cook 6:45AM Arrive /7:10 AM Departs

#### **Fortune Bay 2 Route**

1PM—Pickups in Nett Lake 1:45 Pickups in Orr 2:10PM—Pickups in Cook 2:45PM Arrive /3:10 PM Depart

#### **Fortune Bay 3 Route**

9PM—Pickups in Nett Lake 9:45PM—Pickups in Orr 10:10 PM—Pickups in Cook 10:35 PM—Arrival/11:10 PM Depart

# Congratulations to Matthias Boshey!

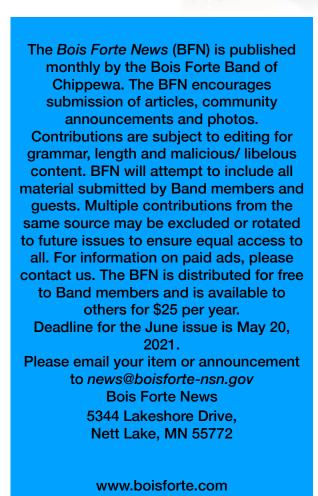
Tower/Soudan
Elementary 5th
grader Matthias
Boshey is the
Spelling Bee champ
of the school this
year!

Matthias is the son of Kerie Porter and Mark Boshey— congratulations again Matthias!



ALL SMILES! — Matthias Boshey proudly holds up the trophy he received for being the 5th grade Spelling Bee Champ at the Tower/Soudan







## 1854 Treaty Authority Policy and Procedures for ID Cards

All applications for picture identification must be made in person. No applications will be accepted by mail or fax. No

replacement cards will be issued by mail.

**Individuals** must complete the entire application for a picture identification.

#### Who is Eligible:

All enrolled members of the Grand

Portage and Bois Forte Bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa. Picture ID cards will only be issued to Band members age five\* (5) and older.

#### **Proof of Eligibility:**

The burden of proof for eligibility is the Band members' responsibility\*. Those applying for a listed in our Enrollment Book and MUST provide one of the following documents

- I. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Enrollment Card.
- II. Grand Portage or Bois Forte Issued Identification Cards.
- III. State issued drivers' license, drivers' permit or identification card that is not expired for more than one (1) year.

IV. Certified copy of a birth certificate only from a government bureau of vital statistics or board of health in the United States, Canada, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

V. Valid INS Certificate of citizenship. VI.

If the applicant can not provide any

of the above referenced. we will not issue an ID card.

child's proper

\*If the applicant is under the age of 12. the parent or legal guardian must provide the

documentation, and sign the application.

#### **PRIVACY NOTICE:**

The 1854 Authority complies with the Privacy Act of 1974. As a result, we cannot disclose information about individuals without their prior written consent and identification. unless the disclosure is for a valid law enforcement purpose.

Valid, unexpired United States Passport or Passport Card.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- I. When issuing a new card:
  - 1. Have applicant fill out form. All the information\* is REQUIRED.
  - 2. Check for enrollment number in Enrollment book.
  - 3. Issue new ID card.



 Stick paperwork in Office Managers' mailbox.

\*If possible, make a copy of required identification.

- 1. When issuing a replacement card to an old card holder or an individual who is updating their information.
  - 2. Have applicant fill out form.
  - Collect old ID card and dispose.
  - 4. Issue new ID card.
  - Stick paperwork in Office Managers' mailbox.

There is no charge for replacing the old style (laminated) cards. DO NOT change birth dates without proper documentation (birth certificate or photo ID).

III. When issuing a replacement card for a lost, stolen or whatever

- 1. Inform them there is a \$5.00 charge for replacement of card.
- 2. Have applicant fill out form.
- Issue new ID card.
- 4. Issue a receipt for \$5.00.
- Stick paperwork in Office Managers' mailbox.





#### Nett Lake Sector

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