



# Bois Forte NEWS

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## **Don't Wait..VACCINATE**

The Bois Forte Clinics have openings for the following vaccinations:

- Pfizer -available to ages 12-17 years old starting Wednesday, May 26, 2021
- Moderna-available to ages 18 and older
- Johnson/Johanson-Available to ages 18 and older

**Call and schedule your appointment today!**

**Nett Lake Clinic**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
5219 St. John Drive  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
(218) 757-3650

**Vermilion Clinic**  
Thursdays & Fridays  
1613 Farm Road South  
Tower, MN 55790  
(218) 753-2182

## Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow returns



After a one-year absence due to COVID-19, the Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow (LVTPW) will once again take center stage the last weekend in June.

“Many people stated that they are looking forward to going to a pow-wow since it has been so long,” said LVTPW Chair Tracey Dagen of the Pow Wow, which takes place near the Bois Forte Tribal Government Office just off Reservation Road. “Numerous people specified that they missed the

LVTPW last year and it is one that they won't miss as it is their favorite Pow Wow.”

While there is a lot of excitement in the air about the LVTPW, Dagen would like to remind everyone to maintain social distancing and not to let their guards down as we are not out of the woods with this pandemic yet.

“If we have to move the Pow Wow indoors due to inclement weather, we will have to do temperature scans and masks

may be required,” said Dagen.

Dagen said even though the LVTPW had a late start on the planning of the 2021 event, things are coming right along. She said that LVTPW was the first one on drumhop.com so they received a lot of inquiries from that listing.

“We have done two Indian Taco/Fry Dog fundraisers where we sold LVTPW raffle buttons and handed out LVTPW flyers,” explained Dagen, who added that the next

fundraiser is scheduled for June 12th. “Our first Indian Taco Fundraiser for LVTPW was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of buyers. We sold out twice!!”

This year's LVTPW will feature the Lake Vermilion Singers and the Burntside Lake Singers. The Pow Wow will be emceed by Terry Goodsky, while Darrell Kingbird will be the Spiritual Advisor.

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# Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow returns June 25-27

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As has been the norm in years past, the Pow Wow grounds will feature a variety of vendors, meaning the smell of freshly made Indian Tacos will fill the air. There will also be clothing wholesalers on hand who will be selling beadwork.

Dagen said there will be a Two-Step Contest with a big, big trophy and a big, big WWF-style Belt going to the winners.

“A new addition will be ‘Paint with Nate,’ which will be teaching how to paint and learn different painting techniques,” said Dagen of the KBFT sponsored event. “As always, Bois Forte Tribal IDs and 1854 Authority IDs will be available.”

The Grand Entry is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. A singles and doubles bean bag tournament is also scheduled to take place Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Sign up is noon.

Like Dagen, Muriel Deegan is extremely thrilled that the LVTPW is back. She said she’s excited to reconnect with family and friends who make the annual trek to Lake Vermilion for this special event.

“It is a lot of hard work putting Pow Wows to-

FRIDAY, June 25		SATURDAY, June 26		SUNDAY, June 27	
	Time		Time		Time
1854 Authority Presentation (behind VSC)	4:30 PM	Breakfast (VSC)	7-10 AM	Breakfast (VSC)	7-10 AM
Welcoming Meal (VSC)	6 PM	Showers Open (Shower trailer)	7 AM - 9 AM	Showers Open (Shower trailer)	7 AM - 9 AM
Warm Ups & Ceremonies (LV Pow Wow grounds)	7 PM	Showers Open (Shower Trailer)	11 AM - 1 PM	<b>Walk/Run (VWC)</b>	9:30 AM registration 10 AM start
		<b>Paint with Nate- KBFT Native Art Festival</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	Showers Open (Shower trailer)	11 AM - 1 PM
		1854 Treaty Authority ID's Bois Forte Tribal ID's	12 PM - 4 PM 12 PM - 4 PM	<b>Grand Entry (LV Pow Wow grounds)</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
		<b>Grand Entry (LV Pow Wow grounds)</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	Showers Closed for Cleaning	2 PM - 4 PM
		Bean Bag Tourney (VWC) <b>Singles &amp; Doubles Tournaments</b>	Noon Sign Up 12:30	<b>Raffle Drawings (LV Pow Wow grounds)</b>	4:30 PM
		Showers Closed for Cleaning	2 PM - 4 PM	Traveler's Meal (VSC)	5 PM
		<b>Feast</b>	5 PM		
		Showers Open (Shower trailer)	5 PM - 7 PM		
		<b>Grand Entry (LV Pow Wow grounds)</b>	<b>7 PM</b>		
		<b>2 Step CHAMPIONSHIP-Winner take all !!</b>			

(VSC) = Vermilion Social Center  
(VWC) = Vermilion WellNess (Big Gym)  
LV Pow Wow grounds are located behind VSC and the Headstart log bldg  
**(All events & places are weather permitting and subject to change)**

gether, but we’re excited to be back,” said Deegan, who thanked everyone who has helped with the efforts. “We look forward to seeing all the vendors and the Lake Vermilion Singers and Burntside Lake Singers. People come from all over the state and Wisconsin to attend this Pow Wow—we’re happy that everyone will be returning to the Pow Wow circuit.”

Deegan reminder attendees that camping will be available at the site and that anyone who has questions about camping, should reach out to her via her cell phone at 218-750-7772.



## Chairwoman Cathy Chavers



Boozhoo.

This pandemic still continues, however, we are managing as best as we can as a tribe.

There are many issues out there affecting us all. Here is a brief update:

The U.S. Treasury has now made its decision on how the \$20 Billion for Native American Tribal Governments will be distributed. There will be two

payments to tribes and these payments will be based on the following:

1) First payment will be \$1 Billion split equally among the 580 tribes in the country along with 65% of the other \$19 Billion paid to tribes on a pro-rata basis on certified enrollment numbers from the tribes.

2) Second payment will be based on employment numbers for 2019 on the 941 tax form for each quarter submitted in 2019. This will be the remaining 35% of the \$19 Billion.

We do not have any definite dates on these payments to tribes but all tribes were to go to the US Treasury portal to acquire their funding mechanism and Bois Forte has completed theirs. Now we just wait for the payments.

Also, we do have two programs that have been implemented by the American Rescue Plan and one is the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) for renters who are having difficulty in paying their rent and/

or utilities. This program is available now. Please contact Ed Villebrun or Beverly Steel at 218-757-3261 on this program. There are others who are trained to assist, our urban offices as an example, Jacque and Wendy. It is an online application and please utilize this program. It is also for landlords to apply.

Also, we have been notified of the Homeowner assistance program. There is a plan that needs to be submitted before we can get his program up and running, but this program will assist homeowners who have mort-

gages and may need some help with their payment, insurance, etc. Once we have our plan in place we will be getting the information out to our tribal members as soon as possible.

These two programs mentioned are for anyone, not only on the reservation.

We will try our best to get information out to our tribal members on any of the American Rescue Plan funding as it comes along.

Please stay safe!

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Cathy Chavers

## What Older Adults Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines

The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age. This is why CDC recommends that adults 65 years and older are one of the first groups to receive COVID-19 vaccines. You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting the vaccine when it is available. Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing severe illness from COVID-19.

### To get a COVID-19 vaccine

- Contact the **Bois Forte Clinics** or local health department for more information.
- Ask a family member or friend to help with scheduling an appointment.
- Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or community health center if they plan to provide vaccines and ask them to let you know when vaccines are available.
- Even after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you should still wear a well-fitting mask that covers your nose and mouth when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and wash your hands often.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) | [www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com)

### Power of Vaccines

**WHAT IS A VACCINE?**  
Vaccines are medicines that help our body's immune system fight illness. By doing this, vaccines have the amazing power to stop us from getting sick!

**HOW DOES A VACCINE WORK?**  
Vaccines are like a coach "training" our immune system to fight an illness. Then, if the illness tries to come into our body, our immune system knows what to do to help make sure that we don't get sick.

**WHY ARE VACCINES GIVEN AS SHOTS?**  
Our immune system is made up of cells that live in our body and work together to keep us from getting sick. A vaccine shot delivers a picture of the bad virus or bacteria to our immune system. This way, any time the bad virus and bacteria shows up again, our immune system will recognize them and fight to keep us healthy and strong.

**POWERFUL VACCINES!**  
We have many different vaccines and they help stop diseases going from person to person. This way thousands of people can be saved from suffering from diseases such as measles, polio, tuberculosis and chicken pox and many more!

Wirta, Kosobuski, A., RedBrook, S., King-Siert, R., and Melvin, R.G. 2021. University of Minnesota Medical School. Illustrations by Jordan Rodgers.

## District 1 Representative Shane Drift

Howah boozhoo Bois Forte Band Members!

I sincerely hope that this brief notation finds you well! For this brief notation, I will be talking about our Anishinaabemowin (Indian language)! My late Grandmother Jessie Drift used to always say that our language is sacred, it's important. Listening to my Auntie Karen Drift and also Gene Goodsky, we need to do all that we can do to hang onto our language and also preserve our language for future generations.

I know that learning the language can be hard, if not difficult, at times to learn especially when one doesn't have someone to talk with. My Auntie Karen always stresses the importance of hearing the language every day and also speaking the language every day, and she's right. We don't have that many fluent speakers left. We can turn this around so that we have more and more fluent speakers amongst our band members. My Auntie Karen teaches the language on Facebook, and so does Gene.

I sincerely believe that we have a good grasp on our culture. One of the teachings that I have learned is that when an elder shares a teaching with me is that I am to give the elder some asemaa (tobacco). The way it was explained to me is that when you give an elder asemaa you are showing respect to the elder for what he/she has shared with you, you are thanking them. I remember my first time when I gave an elder some asemaa I gave him a small pinch. The elder instructed me to give a good pinch full enough to fill a pipe. I thanked the elder for that teaching. As for giving asemaa, I will ask an elder/healer/spiritual advisor first, if the elder/healer/spiritual advisor holds his or her hand then I will give him/her a good pinch full of tobacco. Some people give the tobacco first then state their

request. Either way works, I respect both ways. Now if someone came and gave me tobacco and stated their request and I wasn't able to fulfill their request I would hand that tobacco to an elder/healer/spiritual advisor who could fulfill their request. Another teaching my Grandmother gave to me was that never to put someone else's teaching down, meaning never to discredit it or belittle it. Respect all teachings.

As your District I Representative I have advocated for our language and culture at various levels. When I was on the school board, I advocated to increase the language and culture class time in our elementary school. We have had a consultation with North Woods and I pushed for the native language class to be offered to our band member students. North Woods has a native language class for grades 10th through 12th grade. When our students graduate from Nett Lake elementary school and go onto North Woods there is a gap in the native language class. Currently, North Woods does not have a native language class from 7th grade through 9th grade.

We met with Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan on Friday, February 12th, 2021 at 8 a.m. via zoom. I brought up native languages in schools. The need to provide funding for native language classes in the schools and also make it mandatory to fund the native languages like they do for the other languages.

Governor Walz stated that a chairman (I cannot recall which one) from one of the southern tribes also made a statement about mandatory funding for native language classes. I will continue to push for mandatory funding for native language classes in the schools.

The tribe received a language grant from MIAC (Minnesota Indian

Affairs Council). I am very grateful for this grant. We have been meeting about the grant and what can we do with it. I suggested that we use the grant to create a Bois Forte language book and CD like the Ojibwemowin Series 1 and 2 books. The Ojibwemowin books are awesome! When I worked at KBFT 89.9 FM Bois Forte Tribal Community radio we had word of the day and phrase of the day in the anishinaabemowin. I must mention that KBFT 89.9 FM still does the word of the day and phrase of the day in the anishinaabemowin.

Before I wrap this brief notation up, I would like to share a humorous story with you regarding my two kids. When my daughter was in first grade and my son was in Headstart I would teach them words in the anishinaabemowin. We were sitting in the living room and I was talking about the four sacred plants, tobacco, sage, cedar, and sweet grass. I was trying to get my kids to say "asemaa" and they both would say "say ma," then they would giggle.

I remember my Auntie Karen shared a story about our cousin Jig Strong. He was able to remain a fluent speaker by asking himself a question in the anishinaabemowin and he would answer himself in the anishinaabemowin. I thought that was so awesome! I know it's hard to learn the language. This is my personal belief, one of the reasons why it's hard to learn the language is that our way of learning has changed. I will continue to learn the language as best as I can and pass on what I know to my kids.

On a personal note, I missed putting an article in the May 2021 *Bois Forte News* edition. I would like to wish all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, step-mothers, and aunties a late "Happy Mother's Day." Thank you



for everything that you do and the sacrifices that you made. On a similar note, I would like to wish all the awesome Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers, Step-fathers, and uncles a "Happy Father's Day." Thank you for everything that you do and the sacrifices that you made.

In closing, I need to point out that I am not speaking for the tribal council, I am just sharing what I have done and sharing from my own personal experience. If you have any ideas on how we can preserve our anishinaabemowin (Native language), 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. I must mention that I have my "Shane Drift District I Representative Updates" group page on Facebook. I always provide updates on 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 chimiigwech!

# Bois Forte Housing has room on waiting list

The Bois Forte Housing Department would like to let band members know that we have room on the waiting list. Our maintenance crew is working diligently on getting homes ready to rent. Currently, we have one, three-bedroom unit available at our Cedar Grove location in Vermilion. Some of the qualify factors are, if your family is under the 80% of median family income for the USA, (please see the chart below for income levels) and you do not owe any monies to any Bois Forte entity.

The application must be complete with necessary documentation before it can be added to the wait list. In the next few months there will be approximately three more 3-bedroom units ready to rent. Two of these are Tax Credit homes in Nett Lake. To be eli-

gible your family must be at/or under 60% of median area income (see the chart below for income levels). If, you qualify to rent this unit you will also qualify to potentially purchase this home. The other 3-bedroom will be available at Cedar Grove in Vermilion if your family is under the 80% of median family income for the USA, (please see the chart below for income levels). There will also be a two-bedroom available in July at the Bois Forte Homes III location in Vermilion.

When you rent one of our homes you will be responsible for paying the utilities, which are the water & sewer, trash, electricity, propane, and any internet/phone service that you choose. For more information, please reach out to the Admissions and Occupancy

Manager: Jennalee Porter at 218-757-3261, Ext. 1206.

## **Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program**

The Bois Forte Reservation is excited to offer the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program which can assist families and individuals who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic in one way or another.

### **Here are some of the guidelines:**

\*You or a member of your household must be an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa which can include a minor in your care.

- Renting is a requirement of the program.

- Report income for all adults in your household which must be under 80% of median income for the state in which you reside.

- If you qualified for unemployment in the last 90 days, you are automatically qualify for assistance with your rent and utilities.

### **To apply, you do need to have this information:**

- Your landlord's name, address, and contact information – We will need to contact your landlord to send payment and confirm that you have a rental agreement.

- We will also need to obtain a W-9 form from your landlord.

- You will need a copy of your lease or rental agreement. If, you are not on a lease, a document from your landlord or the property owner showing the amount you pay and/or the amount you owe for rent.

- A past-due amount/ledger. If, you are behind on your rent, try to get a ledger or a statement from your landlord showing how much and for which months you still owe for rent.

Please be aware that this program is available for renters until December 31, 2021 or funds are no longer available. We can pay arrears as far back as March 13, 2020, there is a limit to the number of months this program can help you.

This program is part of the Rescue America Plan and is provided for by the United States Treasury Department. That is the federal program that oversees the Internal Revenue Service and that means we are required to provide a bit more documentation. This is a federally funded program. You will be required to swear that you do have a qualifying need for the assistance.

You must provide proof of income. You can provide 2020 taxable income information such as (1040s, 1099s, or W2s) these forms must show that they are for the tax year of 2020. Or you may provide pay stubs or other payment information. A form of identification for the head of household. We need a state-issued ID or, Tribal ID card.

You may also be eligible for assistance in paying your utility bills (tenant-paid gas, propane, electric, heat, energy, water or sewer, or internet service. You can apply online and/or via your smart phone.

Go to <https://portal.laserfiche.com/u7744/forms/ERA> or Here is the link.



### **NAHASDA income limits for Low Rents 2021**

60% of median area income

(1 person) \$31,320

(2 people) \$35,760

(3 people) \$40,260

(4 people) \$44,700

(5 people) \$48,300

(6 people) \$51,900

(7 people) \$55,440

(8 people) \$59,040

80% of median area income

(1 person) \$44,744.00

(2 people) \$51,136.00

(3 people) \$57,528.00

(4 people) \$63,920.00

(5 people) \$69,033.60

(6 people) \$74,147.20

(7 people) \$79,260.80

(8 people) \$84,374.40

## **BOIS FORTE TRIBAL ID'S**

SAH GII BAH GAH POW WOW

&

LAKE VERMILION TRADITIONAL POW WOW

SAH GII BAH GAH POW WOW

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>

12:00PM-4:00PM

Nett Lake, MN

LAKE VERMILION TRADITIONAL

POW WOW

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00PM-4:00PM

Lake Vermilion, MN

Please bring one of the following to get an ID:

- ❖ Original certified birth certificate (No Photocopies)
- ❖ State Issued Driver's License
- ❖ State Issued Identification Card
- ❖ Valid Passport

For Replacement Cards and for any changes made before the expiration date, there will be a \$12.00 fee (cash or check)

For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification per our Tribal ID policy, please contact Alanna Sherman, Tribal Enrollment Coordinator @ (218) 757-3261 ext. 1162 or email @ [alanna.sherman@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:alanna.sherman@boisforte-nsn.gov).

\*Visit [www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com) and click on the resources tab to find the full Tribal ID Policy.

## Obituaries



ELLEN FRANCES WHITEMAN was born November 16, 1971 the daughter of Justin Bonus and Edna Whiteman. She was lovingly raised

by Bill and Julie Whiteman in the Nett Lake area where she attended school. Following her schooling, Ellen moved to the White Earth, MN, area to make her home. For a number of years, she traveled and moved back and forth between the White Earth Reservation and Bois Forte Reservation before settling in the Mahnomen, MN, area. Ellen has made her home in Mahnomen for the past 20 years and worked various jobs including at the Shooting Star Casino. As her health began to decline, she was forced into early retirement and lived off and on with her daughter, Chris, including the past seven months. Ellen died Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley at the age of 49.

Ellen will be remembered as the little lady with the great big heart. She was always willing to help out any-

one in need and could continuously brighten your day when you were feeling down with her jokes and smiles. Ellen had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and have a good time. She was an avid Minnesota Vikings Fan who also loved spending time with family and her grandkids. In her spare time, Ellen enjoyed playing Bingo, watching comedies and funny movies, playing board games, especially Scrabble, working crossword puzzles and the occasional trip to the casino. She also liked attending concerts and listening to heavy metal rock like Metallica and Mötley Crüe. Although gone to soon from this life, Ellen will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Ellen is survived by her parents, Bill and Julie Whiteman; daughters: Chris Kier, Brea Hoagland, Angel Hoagland and Hayleigh Bush; sons Damian Zornes, Donald Hoagland

III, and Ezra Hoagland; seven grandchildren; sister, Stephanie Werdier; brothers, Joseph Whiteman and Matthew Whiteman and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, biological parents, and many aunts and uncles.

Traditional Services were held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Bois Forte Tribal Government Center in Nett Lake, MN.

Please feel free to sign the guestbook, send condolences and view other opportunities which may be available to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Arrangements entrusted to Anderson Family

Funeral Home of Mahnomen.  
[www.andersonfamilyfh.com](http://www.andersonfamilyfh.com)



FRANCES "CISCO" LEE ISHAM, 71, of Nett Lake MN passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2021, after a short battle with lung cancer, at Essentia Health Virginia.

Cisco was born on May 26, 1949 in Cass Lake, MN to Ira and Ruth (Connor) Isham. She grew up in Nett Lake, attended Nett Lake School, then Orr High School, graduating in 1967. She furthered her education; attending classes at BSU and FDL Tribal College.

Cisco was an accomplished beader; she was truly an artist. She loved to make a variety of dreamcatchers, earrings and necklaces. She loved spending time with family and friends playing cribbage, smear, tossing horseshoes in the yard, and gambling. She was excited and proud to gain "Voyager" status at Fortune Bay Players Club! In her younger days, she

enjoyed playing softball with the Bois Forte Women's softball team, fielding the position of short stop. Cisco was known for her "gift of gab". She was also very well known for her crazy "laugh therapy sessions". She could get the whole room, building or bar laughing. She was a genuinely happy person who was kind to everyone.

Cisco was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Ruth; life partner, Dan Morrison Jr.; siblings: Barbara Brown, Gloria Isham, Bruce Isham, and Loren Connor; grandchildren: Daniel and Kaelynn.

Frances is survived by her children: Kent Isham; Travis (Teri) Mor-

rison; Nancy Day; Ellen (Greg) Little; siblings: Kristine (Al) Sadewasser and Jeff Isham; grandchildren: Kyle Ryan, Daniel, Jacob, Brianna, Kristina, Kent, K-lib, Dennis, Dacia, Trevor, Sean, Steven, Scott, Shullon, Garrett, Derek, Tyler, Serena, Gabriella, Brittney, Troie, and Braden; many great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Traditional Wake was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Bois Forte Government and Services Center. The Traditional Service was held the next day, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, also at the center. To leave an online condolence visit [www.mlakerfuneral-home.com](http://www.mlakerfuneral-home.com)

Boozhoo,

I would like announce that the fitness center has outdoor bikes to use during business hours. **MUST READ & SIGN WAIVER BEFORE USAGE.** So if you want to challenge a friend or department to a ride, feel free to so!

Mii Gwetch,  
David Morrison Jr  
Fitness Coordinator/NHFC, 13085 Nett Lake Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772  
Phone #- 757-0087

COMING SOON!! Be on the lookout for the link to access the Community Assessment. The link will be live in early June and we will also have some prize giveaways that we will draw from those who take the time to complete the Assessment.

Thanks!  
Travis Vake  
Director of Career Development  
Bois Forte Tribal Government, [Travis.Vake@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:Travis.Vake@boisforte-nsn.gov)  
Office Phone - (218) 757-3261



PROFOUND MESSAGE - The people in accounting decorated their office door to help bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. "No More Stolen Sisters." Submitted photo by Rene Barto.

## Judicial Services Notice:

Just a reminder that Probation Officer Marian Holmes will be traveling to the Vermilion Social Center twice a month to meet with individuals on probation and release.

**CALL 218-757-3462  
TO SCHEDULE AN  
APPOINTMENT  
HOURS: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

May, June and July  
dates are as follows:

- June 2 & 16
- July 7 & 21

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- MASKS REQUIRED
- TEMPERATURE SCANS & HAND
- SANITATION REQUIRED AT THE DOOR
- SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED
- DO NOT ARRIVE MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT
- DO NOT BRING ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO YOUR APPOINTMENT, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO WAIT OUTSIDE.

**REMEMBER...  
IT IS YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY TO  
CONTACT YOUR  
PROBATION OFFICER**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Marian Holmes, Probation Officer, at 218-757-3462 or 218-410-9678 or [mholmes@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:mholmes@boisforte-nsn.gov).

## Per Capita Reminder!!!

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** is the deadline for any Per Capita Address Updates.

All address updates are accepted only by mail or in person.

Address Update forms can be downloaded from boisforte.com.

Band Members may submit an address update in writing to the Bois Forte Enrollment Office, please have the letter include the following information:

*\*Name*

*\*Address*

*\*DOB*

*\*Signature*

*\*Date*

*\*OID (if applicable)*

*\*Phone Number*

*\*any address updates missing this information will not be updated.*

Any questions regarding address updates or to check if you have your correct address on file,  
please call the Enrollment Office at 218-757-3261 ext. 1162.

### HELPFUL TIPS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE UPCOMING PER CAPITA

- Per Capita payments are issued to all eligible Band Members enrolled as of March 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. New enrollees after March 31<sup>st</sup> will not be eligible for that year's payment. They will begin accruing or receiving per capita payments the following year.
- Information requests by any 3<sup>rd</sup> party pertaining to enrollment information or per capita disbursement will be denied by the Enrollment Coordinator unless accompanied by a Release of Information that is signed and dated by the Band Member.
- There is no early disbursement and all checks with addresses shall be mailed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- If there is not a current address on file, the per capita check will be held by the Enrollment Coordinator or the Accounting Department. These checks are available for pickup starting the first business day after per capita disbursement.
- If the eligible Band Member per capita payment is returned, he/she can retrieve their check in person at the Tribal Government Building. The eligible Band Member will be required to show identification to receive their check.
- If the eligible Band Members per capita payment is returned, the Band Member may choose to have someone else retrieve their check, the individual retrieving the check must have identification and a notarized written statement signed by the eligible Band Member.
- Eligible Band Members must wait a **minimum** of 30 days before any stop payments can be requested and checks be reissued.

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of T.R.I., DOB: 06/18/2004, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Robyn Lynn Isham, Legal Custodian, Linda Spires, (Deceased), and Christopher Isham, Respondents Court File No. 21 0017JV

To: Robyn Lynn Isham.

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 January 28, 2021. A continued admit/deny hearing on the above petition will be held on July 13, 2021 at 2:20 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. All appearances will be by telephone or Zoom.

A Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in the Bois Forte Children's Court on May 10, 2021. An admit/deny hearing will be held July 13, 2021 at 2:20 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. All appearances will be by telephone or Zoom.

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

By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge  
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court  
Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Attorney for  
Petitioner, ID 0388656  
12907 Palmquist Road | P.O. Box 25  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
218-757-3462



# One for me, One for you program at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bois Forte

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bois Forte were recently the recipients of a generous donation of \$50,000 designated for food programs.

The first program the clubs have implemented with these funds is "One for me, One for you." The "One for me, One for you" program was created to honor

and teach the value that was exhibited by our benefactor-giving back to your community.

Additional goals support healthy food choices, teach life skills of food preparation, and provide an opportunity for our youth to know how it feels to show kindness and give back to the

community.

This program is being implemented during our weekly Teen Night. The Vermilion and Nett Lake Clubs come together to prepare a meal. Each youth can make two of each dishes. They leave with a dish for their family and a dish to share with someone else of their choice. We encourage intentionality, asking them to explain who they chose to share with and why. The first two gatherings have been successful with youth making tater tot hot dishes and chicken broccoli casseroles.

The program has been a great opportunity to bring the teens from the two sites together. It has been an easy way for the youth to get to know one another—cooking together is fun! After



the long months of COVID-19 isolation, being able to expand our social circle in this small way has been energizing for our youth and our staff.

So far, youth have reported sharing their "one for you" meal with neighbors and grandparents. We look forward to hearing more stories of sharing experiences and the impact it has on our community.

COME CELEBRATE!  
BIG WOODS TRANSIT  
IS TURNING  
**10!**

Be There!!

Door Prizes!!!



**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**      **5:00pm-7:00pm**

Location: Eagle Room at the Nett Lake RTG Building, we hope to see you there!!!

Join us for Vermilion Club 24-inch "Bamboozler" Pizzas, Cake, Refreshments and interactive birthday games!

Please do not forget to wear a mask!

We will also be presenting recognition to the volunteers of our Volunteer Driver Program!!

Please call us if you have any questions or comments, we are here in the office M-F, 8am-4:30pm

**1-888-757-1540**

## Tired of Missing out on Our Branded T-Shirts and Hoodies? So are We!

The RTG has an online team store set up once a month for anyone to purchase apparel with the Band's logo.

We have set the BFTS prices as low as we can. Each purchase is paid by the customer and shipped straight from the store to you. Popular items will remain in the store and new products will alternate in monthly.



**Bois Forte Team Store!**

**The Bois Forte Team Store will be open:  
June 13-26 and July 11-24**

Click on the "Shop" link on BoisForte.com website

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Summer Classic

*Proceeds Benefit the Bois Forte Band's Boys and Girls Club!*

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**11:00 A.M. Shotgun**

**4 Person Scramble**

**\$200 Per Person**

## **Includes:**

Greens Fees, GPS Enabled Cart,  
Range Balls, Lunch,  
Dinner & Prizes following golf!

**Sign Up by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Limited spots available!*

Call (800) 992-4680

Or E-mail Ryan Peterson at  
[rpeterson@golfthewilderness.com](mailto:rpeterson@golfthewilderness.com)



## **Bois Forte NEWS**

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

Contributions are subject to editing for grammar, length and malicious/libelous content. BFN will attempt to include all material submitted by Band members and guests. Multiple contributions from the same source may be excluded or rotated to future issues to insure equal access to all. For information on paid ads, please contact us. The BFN is distributed for free to Band members and is available to others for \$5 per year.

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](mailto:news@boisforte-nsn.gov)

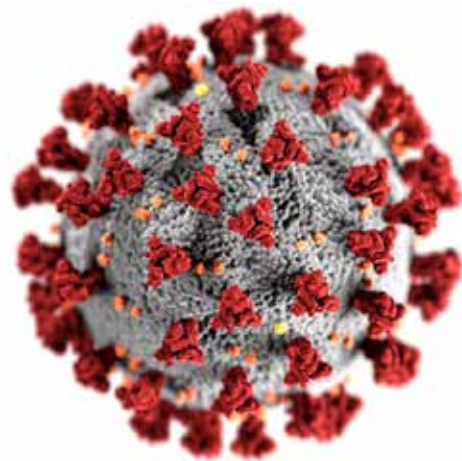
***Deadline for the  
July 2021 issue is  
June 20, 2021.***

Visit Bois Forte Band of Chippewa on these social media outlets.



[www.boisforte.com](http://www.boisforte.com)

## The Bois Forte Clinics have openings for the following COVID vaccinations



### **Pfizer**

-Available to ages 12-17 years

### **Moderna**

-Available to ages 18 and older

### **Johnson/Johnson**

-Available to ages 18 and older

## Call and schedule your appointment today!

### **Nett Lake Clinic**

Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
5219 St. John Drive  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
(218)757-3650

### **Vermilion Clinic**

Available Thursdays and Fridays  
1613 Farm Road South  
Tower, MN 55790  
(218)753-2182



*Keep food sources away from bears and other critters*

Please help out our friendly Conservation Officers by not leaving out garbage as bears are out and about looking for food.

Most recently, there have been reports of an Adult Female with a cub seen on Tibbetts Trail on the Lake Vermilion Sector getting into garbage.

These bears have been seen in the areas of Whiskey Point, Sovereign Drive, Tibbetts, and Baseball field on the snowmobile trail.

Conservation Officers are asking for the public's help to keep all garbage, bird feeders, dog/cat food inside until further notice. Keep garbage indoors overnight until the morning of curbside pickup, Thursday morning.

Please use caution and be aware of your surroundings when walking/biking on the walking path.

When we take away all easy food sources such as listed above the bear will have no reason to stay in the area of Vermilion and venture out somewhere else.

TIPS- what to do when you come across or are approached by a bear-

- Do NOT run. Instead, walk backward keeping sight of the bear.

- Make noise. To scare a bear away make loud noises and make yourself big. If you are with others, stand close together and continue to do this.

- Dogs. Barking dogs are good bear deterrents also lets you know if one is close.

If you see a bear, please call a Conservation Officer right away: Josh Sherman (218-404-5761) or Tony Mason (218-404-3955).

The Moderna vaccine is 94% effective in preventing the COVID-19 virus

**PROTECT  
OUR  
COMMUNITY**

The Pfizer vaccine is 95% effective in preventing the COVID-19 virus

**Have  
Questions?**

Please feel free to call one of our providers

# LAKE VERMILION TRADITIONAL POW WOW

## JUNE 25, 26 & 27

Lake Vermilion Pow Wow grounds

**TWO STEP CONTEST - Saturday evening**  
Winners will win a big, big Belt & a big, big Trophy plus Zooniya

**Co-Host Drums:** Lake Vermilion Singers & Burntside Lake Singers  
**MC:** Terry Goodsky  
**Spiritual Advisor:** Darrel Kingbird

**FRIDAY:** Warm ups  
**SATURDAY:** Grand Entry 1pm & 7pm  
**SUNDAY:** Grand Entry 1pm

Contact Information: Muriel Deegan **218-750-7772** or [murieldeegan@yahoo.com](mailto:murieldeegan@yahoo.com)  
Tracey Dagen **218-780-1478**

**CAMPING AVAILABLE**  
**MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING. TEMPERATURE SCANS REQUIRED.**  
**MASKS REQUIRED. SANITIZER AND MASKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ARTICLES. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED.  
SECURITY PROVIDED 24/7 from Friday Evening to Sunday Evening

From the archives... A look back at the June 1996 edition of the Bois Forte News



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### Ray Villebrun honored...

On May 20, 1996 at the Great Lakes Regional Conference held in Carlton, Minnesota, Chairman Gary Donald had the honor of presenting Mr. Raymond Villebrun, Director of Natural Resources for the Bois Forte Band of the Zhihau Zhihau, Coonabowish Ojibwe of the Lac Seul Reservation.

In his remarks during the presentation Chairman Donald stated he was pleased to nominate Mr. Villebrun for this award because he not only performs his duties as a Conservation Officer at the highest level but is an outstanding family man who is actively involved with community affairs. The Chairman then asked Ray to give the Veterans a toast on stage to be a part of this celebration recognizing Ray as being the "Best of the Best" in Tribal Conservation Enforcement in the Great Lakes Region that includes the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Selection for this award is based on nomination and support of the individual's Tribal fellow Regional Members, and most important, his fellow Tribal Conservation Officers. Based upon the "Oldster Villebrun's" outstanding enforcement service record, efforts to improve the Conservation Department on the Bois Forte Reservation, service as the Great Lakes Regional Conservation Officer Award for 5 years, as well as National Conservation Officer Competition Show Team Instructor for 2 years, made Ray Villebrun the outstanding choice for this year's Permit to Zoonow Conservation Officer of the Year. In addition, Ray Villebrun was elected National Regional Director for the Great Lakes Region. The Great Lakes Regional membership looks forward to Ray's strong leadership on the National Board of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. Our staff of the Great Lakes Region, Regional Directors Edith McWhorter and Edward Falkenberg congratulated the Bois Forte Permit on having someone of the caliber of Ray Villebrun as a member of their staff and community.

The enrollment has amount is \$86,000. Current VA Credit Standards are used as a guide, with consideration given to any unique and relevant attributes of a particular trust land area. VA can also recognize property standards which are common to the surrounding area in determining minimum property standards for loans under this program. The VA Regional Office and Insurance Center at St. Paul, Minnesota, will be responsible for processing loans under this program. The office number for information on this program is 1-800-877-0611.



### VOTING TIME!!!

Tuesday, June 11th is the BIG DAY!!  
8:00 a.m. is the hour....

### New Commod Building..

On Wednesday, May 29th, a ground breaking ceremony was held for their new commodity building. The building was purchased by Don Mack, former tribal chairman. He selected real estate contractor and also worked as a contractor on an off-site. When he moved to Cass Lake, he donated the building to the BFC. The local Council immediately began the process of building a new commodity building and after two or three years it was turned into the present Commodity building, which was well known to the Community Maintenance Division.

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(See candidates' pictures inside)



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### Bois Forte Tribal Council

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