



Bois Forte NEWS

VOL. 48 NUMBER 6

**CONGRATS TO
ALL OF OUR
GRADUATES!**



If you would like to give a shout out to your recent graduate, please send a photo with the student's information to bkanderson@fortunebay.com by June 15th so that we can honor them in our July issue - thank you!

Benner's will to live is undeniable

DULUTH— With a big smile and one of his classic one-liners, Brandon Benner proudly walked into a recent physical therapy session, much like an anxious school-age kid ready to face the day's challenges. He had a backpack on, used a cane to steady himself, and wore an unmistakable bright pink T-shirt.

"Real men wear pink," said Benner with a smile as he greeted his guest and doctor, who had waited for him to finish his speech therapy session a few minutes earlier at the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center at the Miller Hill Mall in Duluth.

This scene was not possible a few months earlier as Benner continued to face an uphill battle that made it difficult for him to walk by himself or put together complete sentences. He chooses not to talk about how he got into that predicament; instead, he wants to focus on the positives.

"No matter the situation in life, you always can be a positive and good person," said Benner, a former member of the Bois Forte Tribal Council and KBFT Radio personality. "Your attitude will determine a lot in life. Never give up—no matter how hard it gets."

For Benner, this attitude, coupled with an undeniable strength to get back to where he once was, which was a vibrant, athletic, and engaging man, today's physical therapy session was just another step in his recovery. He was close



GOOD DAY— Brandon Benner and Dr. Laura Starr share a laugh prior to a recent physical therapy session at the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center in Duluth.

to death several times during his struggles, but the light at the end of his tunnel was not a light, but rather his young son, Benji.

If you look at Benner's Facebook page, you'll quickly realize how important his son is to him. Benner said there were many dark days when he couldn't reach out to his son to tell him how much he loved and missed him.

"I could only look at his picture, and that was tough," said Benner of Benji, who recently finished kindergarten at the

Nett Lake School, "I thought of throwing in the towel once during this process, but I knew for Benji's sake that I could not do that."

Instead, Benner used the love for his son as fuel to get better and work toward the day that he could do all the things he loved doing with his son, like playing sports, watching Vikings or Timberwolves games on TV, teaching him about Bois Forte's culture and how to navigate life in general.

Benner has also used humor to deal with the struggles

he has faced since starting speech and physical therapy nearly one year ago. That attribute was in rare form at a recent physical therapy session as Benner recounted an exchange with one of his aides earlier that morning.

Benner thought the lady had called him LeBron, as in LeBron James, one of the best players in the National Basketball Association. So, Benner asked her where she had seen him play basketball before. She then crushed his ego by saying she did not call him LeBron.

"What she actually said was put a bra on," said Benner, who only had his pajama bottoms on when the aide saw him coming out of the shower area. "I guess I need to get into better shape."

For Essentia Health's Dr. Laura Starr, those types of jokes keep her and others entertained during some of his most grueling physical therapy sessions. She marvels at the fact that he first came to the sessions in a power wheelchair before quickly progressing to a walker and now a cane. She added that she's impressed by Benner's will to recover and his overall zest for life.

"He has had a great attitude since day one," said Starr, a physical therapist for the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center. "He's up for anything, and he has met any challenge we've thrown at him with confidence and grace."

See Benner page 3

Bois Forte's Strategic Planning with ARPA Funding

Submitted by Bois Forte CFO
Kim Greiner

Bois Forte received a historic direct allocation of \$29,194,619.91 from the U.S. Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

This funding has had a profound impact not only on Bois Forte but also on all of Indian Country.

The ARPA work group at Bois Forte had already developed a comprehensive list of potential projects, encompassing a wide range of ideas for assistance, pro-

grams, and infrastructure needs, even before the ARPA funding was approved by Congress. Recognizing the need for a Strategic Planner, the group was introduced to Blue Stone, a firm recommended by other regional tribes.

Following the introduction, the group developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) detailing the work they wanted to complete. The RFP was sent to firms experienced in working with Tribal Governments and knowledgeable about ARPA spending rules. Bois Forte received three proposals in response, from

Blue Stone, RSM, and Moss Adams.

After evaluating the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, the Tribal Council selected Blue Stone as the ARPA Strategic Planner. The first phase of Blue Stone's engagement, costing \$15,000, involved meetings with the Tribal Council and Senior Management to understand Bois Forte's needs. This phase resulted in a list of suggested services required at Bois Forte.

The Tribal Council selected several of these suggested services. They chose Project Planning, which involved matching the list of proposed projects to potential grants funded by the ARPA law but not part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocation. They also selected a Communication Plan, a Five Year Strategic Plan, and an Organization Structure for the Tribal Government.

The Tribal Council also opted for a Tribal Government Compensation Study, a Succession Plan, and an Economic Diversification Plan. The estimated high end of these projects was an additional \$711,000. Later, a Fortune Bay Compensation Study was added for an estimated \$99,000. Bois Forte Health and Human Services (HHS) separately contracted for an assessment of their department, which would be paid out of their Indian Health Service (IHS) Direct Allocation. Any travel costs incurred by Blue Stone were reimbursable by the Band above and beyond the estimated costs.

As the projects progressed, there were changes, mainly with the compensation studies. The Tribal Council changed the minimum wage on the Reservation during the middle of the study.

Also, numerous positions were added or asked to be re-evaluated due to a job description update.

Budget modifications were required. The final estimate cost for all the projects was budgeted at \$1,048,400 on the high end. In the end, Bois Forte paid Blue Stone \$943,977.63 for work completed for Bois Forte. Not all the projects were completed. The Bois Forte Management Team will be completing and updating the unfinished projects.

The Accounting Department and Human Resources Department did have assessments completed. The Accounting Department's was done by Clifford Larson Allen (CLA), an Auditing, Accounting, and Assurance Firm for free as part of the Tribal Finance Pilot Project conducted by the Native Governance Center. The Human Resources Department's assessment was completed by ROI Gaming Stutz, Inc., a casino-focused operations, marketing, and talent-focused agency who has worked with several tribes.

This strategic planning and assessment process has been a significant part of Bois Forte's journey in effectively utilizing the ARPA funding for the betterment of the community.

Bois Forte's ENP receives \$553,000 grant!

The Bois Forte Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$553,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity Division to provide Prepared Meals for our communities for a 14-month period with a possible five-year renewal.

The prepared meals will be available for pickup during lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed on holidays) at the ENP buildings in Nett Lake and Vermilion for

18-60-year-olds and their dependents. Prepared meals are already provided for Elders over the age of 60.

"The ENP does require advanced notice or registration if you are interested in receiving one of these free meals so our cooks can order and prepare enough food," said Jennie Rowland, who is the ENP & Foodshelf Supervisor.

Please call Rowland at 218-410-5054 or email jennie.rowland@boisforte-nsn.gov to get on the list.

Like and follow us on Facebook
Ode'imini Giizis Farmers Market



2024 Market Days

Jun 20th Jul 18th

Aug 15th Sep 19th

Market Time:

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Market Location:

Across from Nett Lake C-Store
13074 Nett Lake Rd, Nett Lake MN 55772

If you are interested in having a booth or have questions please
call/text Amber R. Z. Harman at 218-248-0148

Benner from page 1

Starr said Benner's humor brings a positive vibe to his sessions because he likes to make people laugh every day. That humor helps him connect with people, and they look forward to seeing him.

Benner's coaching background is not lost on Starr, which flourishes when he wants to impart wisdom to others undergoing physical therapy. She said he never had "a poor me" attitude; instead, it was about what he could do to take full advantage of the equipment used in his recovery and his knowledge of the Essentia Health team.

"It's inspiring to see the way that he encourages other people in the gym and the house that he lives in," said Starr of Benner's presence at the Lillian House in Duluth. "He takes what he learns in therapy and encourages others to exercise and keep moving—it's great that he pays it forward."

Benner also appreciates

those who have stood by his side when things got tough and have been his staunchest supporters as he continues to work hard to get back to his former self. He posts frequently to let those people know that he'll never forget their dedication and commitment to him.

"Their support has kept me going," said Benner, who is also extremely thankful to the Essential Health team, including Starr, Dr. Alyssa Kienitz, Samantha McClarrath and Christina Lummio. "They could have easily given up on me, but instead, they chose to stand by me, and I'll be forever grateful to them all."

While Benner still has some mountains to climb, he knows that someday he'll be back to doing the things he loves in life.

"When I get down, I remind myself that people should just be happy that they woke up today," said Benner. "No matter how hard life is, you just gotta be grateful for getting up and being able to face the day."



HIS PRIDE AND JOY— Brandon Benner, right, was able to attend his son Benji's kindergarten graduation from the Nett Lake Elementary School. Benji has been the inspiration behind his father's journey on his way to a full recovery.



SEALED BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is seeking bids for a 1975 brick structure renovation.

Project Identification:

Adaawe-wigamig Business Incubator
Meyer Group Project #: 23-050

Project Location:

23744 MN-1, Red
Lake, MN 56671
(Beltrami County)

Architect:

Meyer Group Architecture, PC
1600 Alworth Building
306 W. Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 727-1330

Project Description:

Project consists of a 19,561 SF interior and exterior renovation of an existing structure. The exterior work shall consist of removing the existing built-up and ballast roofing systems, and the installation of new parapets, insulation, and a new EPDM roofing system, and removing and replacing windows and doors. The interior work shall consist of interior finishes, MEP upgrades, and some reconfiguration of spaces. Red Lake Nation's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages, Equal Opportunity Clause, and Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Specifications shall be enforced for this project.

Complete Bid Package is posted on MBEX, QuestCDN, and Construction Connect, or call 218-849-4252 for an emailed package.

Sealed Bids Due By 6-14-24

For more information, questions, or to be added to the Amendment Notice List, please contact **Sharon James, Project Manager** at sjames@4directionsrl.org or 218-849-4252.

This project is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Make sure to get out to vote in the Bois Forte General Election!

By the time this issue of the *Bois Forte News* hits your mailbox, band members will be just days away from casting their vote on who will earn seats on the Bois Forte Tribal Council in July.

There will be one new member for sure as District I Representative Travis Morrison opted not to run for a third term.

That left the door open for five candidates to replace Morrison in the April 2nd primary. The top two vote getters were Perry Drift, Sr., who collected 78 votes, while Edward Ville-



Perry Drift, Sr.

brun garnered 55 votes.

After the primary, Drift Sr., thanked all of the candidates and voters who participated and made their voices heard.

“Every vote does ultimately matter in the end, and I just appreciate the care and support from everyone in this community,” said Drift Sr. “Together we can move toward a healthy way of communicating with one another going further.”

In his thank you after the primary, Drift Sr., said he understands that earning the trust and support of band members can take time, and he plans to build a proper rapport with the voters.

“I also plan to utilize my Anishnabemowin language with band members as much as possible to help show the younger generation that using your language in a professional and personal setting is one of the goals of this amazing tribe of people,” said Drift Sr. “It can be

accomplished. I truly believe in that.”



Ed Villebrun

areas of concern to him.

“I feel I am the best candidate for District 1 because I care for our tribe and I want to see us progress in many areas,” said Villebrun after the primary. “Some areas would be the hiring practices, doing more for our elders, increasing activities for our elders, and preserving

Villebrun also thanked voters for their support in the primary and looked forward to letting band members know more about his platform via sending out a campaign letter highlighting ar-

our hunting rights.”

Meanwhile, Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers hopes to earn a third term by defeating current Fortune Bay Resort Casino’s Director of Marketing Hannah Lehti-Chosa. In April’s primary, Chavers garnered 157 votes to Lehti-Chosa’s 125.



Cathy Chavers

“I want to thank all of the band members who voted for me in the primary election,” said Chavers after the primary. “Also, good luck to the District I candidates Edward Villebrun and Perry Drift Sr. Thanks to all the candidates

See General Election page 5

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Dear Band Members:

In preparation for this year’s per capita payment, we are seeking Band Members to verify their address. To ensure you receive your per capita payment, please update your address by **July 31, 2024**.

Please submit your:

FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, UPDATED MAILING, AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (if different), DATE, AND SIGNATURE.

Signature must be the original. Address changes that are received by fax, email, and/or phone calls will not be updated.

You can print an address update form from the Bois Forte Website: go to resources tab, click enrollment, scroll down, look for forms, click Change of Address form.

Please mail or drop off at:

Bois Forte Tribal Government
Attn: Enrollment
5344 Lakeshore Drive
Nett Lake, MN 55772

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

Thank you, Bois Forte Enrollment Department.

Masonic Lodge #118 donates five Fire Suppression units!



A LONG LASTING GIFT!—Newport Masonic Lodge #118 has donated five Fire Suppression units to Bois Forte Indian Community in Nett Lake. Representatives from the Masonic Lodge #118 said it was an honor for them to present these units that help save People, Pets and Structures. Pictured, left to right, are: EMS Nikki Irving, Chris Holm, Tribal Council District 1 Representative Shane Drift, Masonic Lodge #118 representatives Rita Esparza Ingram and Stephen Michael Ingram, Chief of Police Jaime Burdick and Fire Chief Robbie Goggeye. Kneeling is Asst. Fire Chief Warren Villebrun.

General Election from page 4

who ran for office. It is much appreciated. I look forward to talking and meeting with our band members..."

Lehti-Chosa was grateful for the support she received during the primary and said her commitment to giving a voice to every member of our tribe remains steadfast and she will carry that momentum into the June General election.



Hannah Lehti-Chosa

"Your individual contributions of

wisdom have been the backbone of my campaign's success so far, and I am dedicated to nurturing the strength of our tribe through unity, shared wisdom, and mutual support," said Lehti-Chosa after the primary.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11th at the Bois Forte Tribal Government building in Nett Lake, the Vermilion Social Center, and the Duluth and Minneapolis Urban offices.

For those who cannot make it to the polls, they can request an absentee ballot by mailing a request to the Bois Forte Election Board at P.O. Box 23, Nett Lake, MN 55772. They can also come to the Election Board in Nett Lake to vote absentee in person if they are not able to come to the voting locations on the day of the election.



Minute with Millie

June we'd go looking for strawberries, raspberries and other foods I don't remember the name of. We had a few things we could eat whilst dillydallying around the village. Well, the parts we could go to anyway. Meaning to Grampa's, Auntie's and occasionally a friend's house. If there was enough of us, we could go down to the lake and swim.

Me, I mostly dog paddled even after taking a few years of the swimming lessons held in the nearby town. Not sure if I remember very many of my friends doing much more than dog paddling themselves.

I couldn't get the hang of turning my head, taking a quick breath, ducking my head whilst bringing my arm overhead. I cannot understand why I wasn't coordinated enough to figure this out since I could skip rope, play softball, ride a bike.

So, when we could take the bus to town and swim in the lake there, I would happily dog paddle and at least float the hours away. I did manage to swim underwater for long distances. I could move my arms and legs in the proper sequence to move as fast or slow as I wanted. Not so



with the head turning one.

After learning that we didn't have to look for leeches quite so often, we'd prefer to swim in town or down to Indian Point. Which, of course, cost money. Yep, my father would think up chores for us to help pay for gas so we could go to town and swim at "Big Dock."

Despite learning a lot of different ways to move myself in the water or under the surface, I haven't considered myself a swimmer as I hadn't mastered the front crawl. And most of my dives ended up a belly flop. Now, my sons, you know why I never taught you to swim.

GENERAL ELECTION REMINDER

Polls for the upcoming Bois Forte General Election will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on June 11th at the Bois Forte Tribal Government building, Vermilion Social Center, and the Duluth and Minneapolis Urban offices.

Voters will elect a new District I Representative as Travis Morrison decided not to run for another four-year term. The top two candidates from the April 2nd Primary were Perry Drift, Sr. and Ed Villebrun.

The two top vote getters for the Tribal Chair were incumbent Cathy Chavers and challenger Hannah Lehti-Chosa.

For those who cannot make it to the polls, they can request an absentee ballot by mailing a request to the Bois Forte Election Board at P.O. Box 23, Nett Lake, MN 55772. The deadline to turn in your absentee ballot is the day before the general election, which is June 10th.

Band members can also come to the Election Board to vote absentee in person if they are not able to come to the voting locations on the day of the election. Band members can also visit the Bois Forte website (www.boisforte.com) for more information.

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's (ENP) menu for the month of June. 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.

June 3: Picnic Lunch Cook's Choice

June 4: Roast Turkey Slice, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, French-cut Green Beans, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie

June 5: Beef Pot Pie, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 6: Grilled Chicken Breast, Yellow Rice, Sliced Zucchini, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 7: BBQ Pork Riblette, AuGratin Potatoes, Broccoli Slaw, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 10: Baked Pork Chops, Baby Red Potatoes, Cauliflower/Broccoli Slaw, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 11: MCT Elections - Closed

June 12: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Capri Veg Blend, Corn Muffin, Fruit

June 13: Breakfast Hotdish, Potato Wedges, Muffin, Fruit

June 14: Swiss Steak, New Roasted Potatoes, Chateau Veg Blend, Garlic Cheese Biscuit, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 17: Shepherd's Pie, Biscuit,



Steamed Broccoli, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 18: White Chicken Chili w/Beans, Cornbread, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 19: Holiday

June 20: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Garden Salad/Cole Slaw, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 21: Bison Meatloaf, Baked Sweet Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 24: Fruit Fish, Crinkle, Cut Frest, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Fruit

June 25: Beef Barley Vegetables Soup, Chef Salad, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Chef's Choice of Fruit

June 26: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Choice of Fruit

June 27: Ham, Baked Acorn Squash, Cauliflower, Berry Yogurt Parfait

June 28: Black Bean Buritto Bowl, Salsa, Cheese, Sour Cream, Chef's Choice of Fruit

Bois Forte receives funds to flip vacant houses

IRR Board okays \$356,579 grant; while ARPA nets nearly \$700,000

With the help of a \$356,579 grant from the Iron Range Resources, several vacant houses in the Lake Vermilion sector will be getting some much-needed improvements.

According to Bois Forte Planning & Community Development Director Carol Burr, three vacant homes on Farm Point Road will be remodeled and read-

ied for future occupancy.

“This is part of a larger project of seven homes to be rehabbed for Bois Forte,” wrote Burr in an email after the grant was awarded Tuesday, May 28th at an IRR Board meeting in Eveleth. “This program will help provide additional housing to band members, and hopefully assist in housing employees for the

Band.”

Burr said the Bois Forte Planning and Community Development Department have been assisting the Bois Forte Housing Department with the program and put an application into the Iron Range Resources, a state ran agency, which helps provide loans and grants to communities located across the Iron Range.

“We want to thank the IRR for their generous support of our Bois Forte Housing Program and look forward to working with IRR in the future,” wrote Burr.

There are also four homes in the Nett Lake Sector that will be repaired, but that nearly \$700,000 in funding will

See Vacant Homes page 7



VERMILION BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

* ALL AGES WELCOME*



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 10AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 9:30AM THE DAY OF

WHERE: VERMILION BGC 1612 FARM RD SOUTH TOWER MN 55790
REGISTRATION FEE
SINGLES: \$10. DOUBLES: \$20.
KIDS 11YRS UNDER FREE
PRIZES FOR 1ST 2ND & 3RD

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

218-753-8934 SISHAM@BOISFORTE-NSN.GOV

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
ALL PROCEEDS GO FOR FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES



TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING!— Pictured here are two of the vacant homes on Farm Point Road that will be rehabilitated. If all goes well, the work will begin this summer. As a reminder to residents in Nett Lake and the Vermilion Sector, please make sure to take pride in your community by maintaining a clutter-free yard!

THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Vacant homes from 6

be coming from the American Rescue Plan Act as the IRR cannot fund projects outside the Taconite Tax Area.

The four homes that needed to be rehabbed in Nett Lake are located on Lake Drive, Lakeshore Drive, Nett Lake Road and Palmquist Road.

According to Bois Forte Maintenance Director Robbie Goggleye, the homes in both sectors have been vacant for anywhere from two to 10 years. Some of them are totally boarded up, while others are partially boarded up and have broken windows, among other blight-like issues.

"It will be nice to get these homes rehabilitated as they are in need of some major repairs, like new roofs, windows, etc.," said Goggleye, who added that the interiors of some of the homes will have to be gutted. "We also have to do meth remediation with a couple of them. There's just a lot of work to be done—it's much more than just a paint job and other small repairs."

Securing the funding from the IRR and ARPA was a key step in moving the projects along, but Goggleye said

patience will be needed as the work on the homes will have to go out for bids. He wants to be positive, but added he is not sure there will be enough funding to repair all of the homes.

"Prices for construction have really gone up, as have materials," said Goggleye, who added that paying prevailing wages also adds to the final costs for each home. "We'd like to get them all finished, but I honestly think we're going to run short on money to do that."

The homes being rehabbed are aimed at low-income families, so if you want to get on the waiting list for these homes and future openings, please reach out to the Bois Forte Housing program to fill out the necessary paperwork. The contact person is Admissions and Occupancy Manager Sheryl Gonier, who can be reached via email at Sheryl.gonier@boisforte-nsn.gov or via phone at 218-757-3261, Extension 1232.

Goggleye said he is hopeful the work on the homes could begin in July.

"It's not definitive, but it could happen," said Goggleye.

Regardless of when the work begins to rehabilitate these homes in both sectors, Goggleye wants to remind res-

idents to take pride in their respective community.

"All of us with the Bois Forte Housing program want that," said Goggleye of residents being good neighbors to one another. "We'll be having a lot of visitors

coming to our communities with the upcoming powwows in Nett Lake and Vermilion, so let's keep our neighborhoods clean, whether it be mowing your lawn or keeping your property spruced up."

Now **HIRING**



For a list of current job opportunities,

go to: www.boisforte.com/jobs

2024 SAH GII BAH GAH POW WOW

JUNE 7TH, 8TH, and 9TH

NETT LAKE POW WOW GROUNDS
CAMPING & SHOWERS AVAILABLE

Head over to "Nett Lake Powwows" on Facebook for Info & Updates

HOST DRUM: GAH GII GE IKWE

CO-HOST: LAKE VERMILION SINGERS

INVITED DRUM: LAC LA CROIX TRADITIONAL

SPIRITUAL ADVISORS: DAN GEYSHICK & VERN ADAMS SR

ARENA DIRECTOR: JOEL BOSHEY

MC: TERRY GOODSKY

FRIDAY: WARM-UPS

SATURDAY: BREAKFAST 7AM - 9AM

GRAND ENTRY 1PM & 7PM

Feast 5 PM

SUNDAY: BREAKFAST 7AM - 9AM

GRAND ENTRY 1PM

Feast 5 PM

**Anyone inquiring about having a ceremony is to see Dan Geyshick on the phone. Ceremonies are to be done by Noon Saturday & Sunday

Contact: Kerie Porter @ 218-404-5093 or nettlakepowwowcommittee@gmail.com

VENDOR CONTACT Eric King @ 218-410-2579

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

POW WOW COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYONE SHORT ON TRAVEL FUNDS

LAKE VERMILION TRADITIONAL POW WOW JUNE 28, 29 & 30

Lake Vermilion Pow Wow Grounds
Lake Vermilion Reservation - Tower MN

Co-Hosts: Lake Vermilion Singers & Night Sky Singers

Spiritual Advisor: Darrel Kingbird

MC: Terry Goodsky

Arena Director: Corey Goodbird

FRIDAY: Warm ups

SATURDAY: Grand Entries 1pm & 7pm

SUNDAY: Grand Entry 1pm

TWO STEP CONTEST - SATURDAY EVENING

Win \$500 + a big trophy & belt

MUSICAL CHAIRS CONTEST - ADULT & YOUTH DIVISIONS

TROPHIES FOR WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY

HEADS OR TAILS CONTEST - ALL WEEKEND LONG

CAMPING AVAILABLE

Contact: Muriel 218-750-7772 or murieldeegan@yahoo.com

Tracey 218-780-1478

Drug and alcohol-free event. Smoking is allowed 50 feet away from arena.

Minutes of a Special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 7, 2024, 2023, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

A moment of silence for invocation.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Travis Morrison, Shane Drift, Robert Moyer Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Frances Irving, Regina Howe, Theresa Drift, Dan Rabideaux, Makenna Villebrun, Jamie Burdick, Randy Long, Vondalee Carr, Vanessa Little, David Morrison, Jr., Kim Greiner, Millie Holmes, Victoria Villebrun, Tracey Dagen, Evertt Huismann. See attached for virtual attendees.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the agenda, with the addition of Carol Burr, IRRR resolution submission of application. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting held December 13, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the RTC Regular Meeting, regular session meeting held January 3, 2024. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting held January 17, 2024. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a) Approved Resolution No. 46-2024, Amendment to date privacy ordinance 4-0-0

b) Approved GRID agreement for award Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 4-0-0

c) Approved Contract to Parsons Electric to restore service 4-0-0

d) Approved contract between BF & White Earth, part of the Tribal Collaborative 4-0-0

e) Approved Non Disclosure agreement w/Oracle America 4-0-0

f) Approved Sole Source request to FB for Sobriety Pow Wow 01/26/2024 4-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 62-2024, approving submission of application for IRRR Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve amendment No. 1 for Long Term Homeless Supportive Services grant. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Cost Neutral Transfer program with St. Louis County. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift, seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Hearth Connection HMIS agreement. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the MOA with MN Tribal Collaborative. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the contract with Diaper Bank of Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the HATCH agreement. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the amendment for FY 2024 Self Governance Funds and authorizing chair to sign. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara

Bois Forte Tribal Council Minutes

Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 61-2024, continuation of agreement with Dr. Mantyh. Carried 4-0-0
Cathy Chavers excuses herself from the meeting.
Travis Morrison takes over as chair for the meeting.
Certification for Chairperson candidates for 24 Tribal Election.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve certification of 24 Election Candidate for Chairperson, Brian Whiteman Sr. Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve certification of 24 Election Candidate for Chairperson, Carlos Hernandez.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve certification of 24 Election Candidate for Chairperson, Catherine Chavers.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve certification of 24 Election Candidate for Chairperson, Hanna Lehti-Chosa. Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to accept Ray Toutloff's withdrawal from the 24 Election. Carried 3-0-0

Certification for District I Representatives for 24 Tribal Election.

Tara Geshick ask for a roll call vote for all candidates.
Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, William G. Isham. Tara Geshick approves, Robert Moyer, Jr. approves, Shane Drift approves, and Travis Morrison approves. William G. Isham is approved for certification of candidacy.

Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, David H. Villebrun, Jr. Tara Geshick approves, Robert Moyer, Jr. approves, Shane Drift approves, and Travis Morrison approves. David H. Villebrun, Jr. is approved for certification of candidacy.

Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, Edward Villebrun. Tara Geshick approves, Robert Moyer, Jr. approves, Shane Drift approves, and Travis Morrison approves. Edward Villebrun is approved for certification of candidacy.

Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, Michael L. Connor. Robert Moyer, Jr. disapproves, Tara Geshick disapproves, Shane Drift disapproves, and Travis Morrison disapproves. Michael L. Connor is disapproved for certification of candidacy by reason of criminal conviction.

Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, Perry L. Drift. Tara Geshick approves, Robert Moyer, Jr. approves, Shane Drift approves, and Travis Morrison approves. Perry L. Drift is approved for certification of candidacy.

Motion to approve or disapprove the certification of 24 Election Candidate for District I Representative, Robbie E. Goggleye. Tara Geshick approves, Robert Moyer, Jr. approves, Shane Drift approves, and Travis Morrison approves. Robbie E. Goggleye is approved for certification of candidacy.

Lottery draw is held to show how names will appear on the ballots. Results are as follows:
Chairperson

Hannah Lehti-Chosa, Carlos Hernandez, Catherine Chavers - *Incumbent, Brian L. Whiteman Sr.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr. to approve the lottery draw for chairperson as listed above. Carried 3-0-0

District I Representative

Robbie E. Goggleye, William G. Isham, David H. Villebrun, Perry L. Drift, Edward Villebrun

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr. to approve the lottery draw for District I Representative as listed above. Carried 3-0-0

Tara Geshick does ask if Michael L. Connor does appeal and is successful, do we just add him to the ballot last by default. Travis states they will call MCT to verify.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving

Approved at Special RTC Meeting: April 3, 2024

Minutes of a Special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 15, 2024, at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members Present: Travis Morrison, Tara Geshick, Robert Moyer Jr., and Shane Drift
Members Absent: Cathy Chavers

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Regina Howe, Jeff Holth

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Tammy Strong to Chair for the General Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Wendy Morrison-Thompson as a member for General Election Board. Carried 3-0-1

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Jordan Goodsky as a member for General Election Board. Carried 3-0-1

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Alison Drift as a member for General Election Board. Carried 3-0-1

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Jaylen Strong as Chair for District II Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Monica Porter as Teller for District II Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint Tessa Porter as Clerk for District II Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Simona Benner as Chair for Duluth Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Victoria Villebrun as Clerk for Duluth Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Davelle Jones as Teller for Duluth Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Kristen Lilya to Chair for Minneapolis Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint Samirya Strong to Clerk for Minneapolis Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Susan Burke as Teller for Minneapolis Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Nancy Andersen as an alternate for Minneapolis Urban Office Election Board. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn meeting at 10:48. Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Regina Howe

Approved at Special RTC Meeting: April 3, 2024

Minutes of a Special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 5, 2024, at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Members Present: Tara Geshick, Robert Moyer Jr., and Shane Drift
Members Absent: Cathy Chavers and Travis Morrison

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Regina Howe, Jeff Holth

Cathy Chavers is on medical leave. Multiple attempts to contact Travis Morrison by email, text, and phone call to join the meeting were unsuccessful.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert; to call a special meeting to appoint a member to the General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0

Jeff Holth clarified that the bylaws provide for a special meeting being called either by chairperson or by written and signed order of three or more member of the Tribal Council. There are three or more members, there was a vote and that vote will be memorialized in minutes which Jeff thinks is reasonable to interpret as a written and signed order under Article 3, section 2 of the bylaws.

Shane Drift said that this special meeting was called to appoint a band member to General Election Board to keep the election running smoothly.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to appoint Millie Holms as a member for General Election Board in place of Alison Drift. Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to adjourn meeting at 9:17. Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Regina Howe

Approved at Regular RTC Meeting: April 3, 2024

Minutes of a Regular meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 3, 2024, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

A moment of silence for invocation.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Travis Morrison, Shane Drift, Robert Moyer Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Frances Irving, Regina Howe, Carol Burr, Doris Isham, Daryl Nutinen, Lance Hill, Randy Long, Miranda Lilya, Erynn Morrison, Noah Buchholz, Heart Warrior Chosa, Rose Blossom Chosa. See attached for virtual attendees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting minutes held February 7, 2024 with a correction page 3, last paragraph. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting minutes held February 15, 2024.

See Minutes page 9

Bois Forte Food Shelf earns a Super Shoutout!

When the Bois Forte Tribal Government constructed a new storage building in Nett Lake in 2020, the community saw an opportunity to use part of the space for a food shelf. The Bois Forte Community Food Shelf was designed with SuperShelf in mind from the start and was recently spotlighted by the University of Minnesota-Extension's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Ed (SNAP Education) for its early success.

"Bois Forte Tribal Government Food Shelf is a Certified SuperShelf, which means they excel at providing a welcoming environment for communities to access appealing, healthy food," wrote SNAP-Ed Health and Wellness Coordinator Linda Erdahl in a press release. "Teri Morrison from Bois Forte Health and Human Services summed up the

opening of this SuperShelf by noting, 'It was a collaborative effort!'"

As a brand-new food shelf in a brand-new space, many purchases needed to be made, including carts, coolers, and shelves. New partnerships with food banks were formed.

Louise Isham, a graphic designer and enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, designed food category signs. Staff and volunteers work hard to keep shelves well stocked. Shoppers enjoy choosing their own foods in this welcoming, spacious area.

"Congratulations on your beautiful new food shelf, and we look forward to working with you on plans for your second food shelf in Vermilion!," added Erdahl.



CONGRATULATIONS!— The Bois Forte Community Food Shelf in Nett Lake was recently spotlighted as a SuperShelf by the University of Minnesota Extension's Department of Family, Health and Wellbeing. Pictured left to right are: Phil Collard, Carolyn Wakemup, Colleen Briski, Jennie Rowland and Francis Littlewolf.

Minutes from page 8

Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting minutes held March 5, 2024.
 Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
 a) Approved Sole Source & agreement w/Louis Isham for transit website (02/2022) 4-0-0
 b) Approved FY24 Impact aid waiver ISD 707 & authorizing Cathy to sign 4-0-0
 c) Approved Contract for Services to Portages Health, LLC 4-0-0
 d) Approved Estimate/agreement Fortune Bay - Elder Expo Event (\$4,043.60) 4-0-0
 e) Approved Proposal to Innovative for Court Clerk desk (\$6,975.85) 4-0-0
 f) Approved 2024 Bois Forte Netting Code 4-0-0
 g) Approved LTR to BIA request for TA/End of Year funds FY 2024 for audits 4-0-0
 h) Approved Estimate & Sole Source request for JM Auto Services (\$9,692.95) 4-0-0
 i) Approved Estimate agreement w/Cotopaxi for gym bags at Healthy Teen Conf. (\$9,228.27) 4-0-0
 j) Approved to extend Conservation Committee members terms to 2026 4-0-0
 k) Approved sole source to Adobe for license renewal (\$13,200.00) 4-0-0
 l) Approved sole source to Fortune Bay for State of the Band Event 2024 (\$16,140.00) 3-0-0
 m) Approved 6 new 105(l) leases & authorizing Cathy to sign for HHS 3-0-0
 n) Approved letter request for renewal of 6 105(l) lease FY 2024 3-0-0
 o) Approved RFP for GASB statement 87 compliance svcs of govt tribal leases 3-0-0
 p) Approved Contract w/Froe Bros Drilling-IP exploratory well drilling 3-0-0
 q) Approved quote & sole source request to Custom

Theaters Courtroom Video Conferencing equipment (\$14,192.46) 4-0-0
 r) Approved the following Donation Committee Recommendations 4-0-0
 Anoka-Hennepin School District \$300.00
 Northwoods Archery \$500.00
 Orr Fire Department \$500.00
 s) Menochigeyang team request for bunny basket raffle & RTCE donation egg hunt 4-0-0
 t) Approved Resolution 63-2024 Equipment Financing Agreement W/ Bankers Bank Community Leasing Services, Inc for equipment to The Wilderness 4-0-0
 u) Approved ISC with Northland Metal Exteriors for NL Police New roof 4-0-0
 v) Approved Add'l pymt to Stantec for dam project (\$15,945.71) 4-0-0
 w) Approved updated ISC with Northland Metal Exteriors for NL Police New roof (half) 4-0-0
 x) Approved Resolution No. 64-2024, CY 2024 Per Capita Garnishment Policy 4-0-0
 y) Approved Sole source request to OSC Investment for Full Court annual software pymt. 4-0-0
 z) Approved Policy-Bois Forte Dental Clinic-Patient Not Eligible for IHS funded Healthcare Services Last Minute Cancellation (FAILED) and No-Show 4-0-0
 aa) Approved Contract/Agreement DSGW-Verm. Head Start Renovations 4-0-0
 bb) Approved Lease agreement between Head Start & ISD 707, 2024 & 2025 4-0-0
 cc) Approved LTR to The Project Team, LLC to terminate contract 4-0-0
 dd) Approved Resolution No. 65-2024, Mutual Aid Agreement between BIA & SLC 4-0-0
 ee) Approved Resolution No. 66-2024, ARPA-Agreement-Valint Construction Services for the Heritage Center renovations. 4-0-0
 ff) Fire Donation to G. Adams Family 4-0-0
 Carried 4-0-0
 Shane addresses item 'c' on consent agenda, he approved "so long as the tribe doesn't lose any employ-

ees and/or grants regarding indirect cost and would also like a report on how many band members are served and revenue they generate for HHS".
 Shane addresses item 't' on consent agenda, he approved "so long as the Wilderness has it in their budget and that this doesn't change in any way, shape, or form. \$152,163.84 for 60 months with \$1 buyout at a rate of 9.95%, approx. payment \$3,203, \$300 doc fee and ach is required for the lease payments".
 Shane addresses item 'v' on consent agenda, would like an update at the next council meeting regarding the dam and expenditures.
 Shane addresses item 'x' on consent agenda, states that the band members that will be having their per capita checks garnished should be informed well in advance so that he/she can dispute the garnishment with his/her documentation.
 Shane addresses item 'z' on consent agenda, states he approved "so long as this policy applies fairly and equally across the board regardless of who the person is" and also the health department should be informing the band member they are in danger of becoming ineligible for services.
 Shane addresses item 'aa' on the consent agenda, states he approved but had a question about if any issues/problems arise because of design, how long is DSGW responsible? Jeff will look at master contract agreement.
 Tara addresses item 'x' on consent agenda, questioned the capacity to handle the disputes. Will that be a separate outside firm handling that, or hiring additional staff or assigning to a current employee(s)? and are the dates set in stone? Accounting billing needs to be absolutely accurate so if we garnished when we shouldn't have. Having a dispute option is not assurance enough.
 Tara addresses the amount of consent agenda items on this meeting. Does have a request into the executive assistants to look for resolutions where consent agenda and polls were introduced. From what she can recall this was done because we did not have

the technology. We have the technology now and should be able to communicate faster and should not be having this many items on the consent agenda.
 Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to table Resolution No. 68-2024, approving Tier 3 recommendation/support from Tribal Council until further documentation is received. Carried 4-0-0
 Renika Love not on.
 Pam Parson gives monthly compliance update.
 Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Minnesota Great Start compensation support payments. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the sole source request to Wipfli for software training for all employees for office 365 applications, HIPPA training, but also directly integrates with email to prevent cyber threats. 3 year term in the amount of \$28,780.74. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the contract with SIHASIN for musical performance and cultural presentation. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table Resolution No. 69-2024, Delegation of Authority for procurement contracts until interpretation of approved budgets is defined. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve agreement with Pingboard Inc for Organizational chart software. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve Resolution No. 70-2024, cancellation of residential lease and issuance of a recreation lease to Chelsea Winans and Archie Winans. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Educational Incentive Policy, effective 04/03/2024. Carried 4-0-0
 Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Carried 4-0-0
 Prepared by: Frances Irving
 Approved at Special RTC Meeting: May 1, 2024

Kim Marie King



Our beautiful Kim Marie King passed away peacefully on Thursday May 23, 2024 at the young age of 68 while on hospice at the Waterview Woods in Eveleth, MN.

Kim was born on Nov 3, 1955 in Cook, MN to Donald and Mabel (Vil-lebrun) King. She was a member of the

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. She grew up in Eveleth, MN and graduated from Eveleth High School in 1973.

Kim graduated from the University of MN Duluth in 1994, with her master's degree in criminal justice.

Kim had a beautiful, loving, open heart for everyone. She loved spending time with her family and friends and cherished her time for many years as a foster mom. Her smile and laugh were very contagious, and she loved being a jokester.

Kim is survived by her son Jesse (Sheila); brothers: Daniel & Roger King; sister Trudy King; grandson Landon; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friend John.

Preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Annette Font, Paulette Salavac and Yvonne King; brothers: Dale, Wesley, and Donnie King.

A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Vermilion Family Wellness Center in Tower, MN. The spiritual advisor was Vern Adams.

Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Swan



Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Swan ("Waawiyaasinokwe" = Whirlwind Woman), age 45 of Virginia, died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in her home. She was born June 11, 1978 in Bemidji, the daughter of Victor Swan and Dawn Rae Sam. Becky grew up in Tower, moved to Virginia and graduated

from Virginia High School. She was employed by the East Range DAC in Eveleth and thought of her co-workers as family. Becky was very kind and social, enjoyed gardening, country music, and loved the "Purple and Gold."

Becky is survived by her Moms: Pam Sherman of Tower and Dawn Rae Sam of Virginia; siblings: Jolene Swan and Blaine Swan of Virginia, Zowie Swan III, Josh (Alanna) Sherman of Tower, and Jason (Marissa) Sherman of Wisconsin; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends including her group home and ERDAC families.

She was preceded in death by her father; and grandma: Margaret Hackey.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Bauman's Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower. The visitation began one hour prior to the service. Spring interment in the Lakeview Cemetery in Tower.

Family services were provided by Bauman Vermilion, a Bauman Funeral home in Tower. To share condolences online, please visit: www.baumanfuneralhome.com.

Jennie Woodenfrog



Jennie Woodenfrog, Ge be-gah shig made her journey to the spirit world on the morning of May 7, 2024. She was 94.

She was born on June 18, 1929 on Lake Kabetogama to John Woodenfrog Sr. and Marie Sears Woodenfrog. Anishinaabemowin was her first language and she was a longtime Nett Lake resident and worked for several years in the area. She worked hard, loved her family, loved to tease, enjoyed playing board or card games, and laughing especially when she was on a winning streak. She was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. She once told her grandniece, who was wearing a Jacoby Ellsbury Boston Red Sox shirt, to "take that off this is a Twins house!"

She enjoyed going to the casino, concerts, powwows, ceremonies, shopping, traveling, harvesting manoomin, picking blueberries, speaking Ojibwemowin

with her friends and loved ones, and visiting Lake Kabetogama the land where she was born and shared memories of her parents and siblings. She also loved to cook and gather with family over a good meal while sharing stories about family, friends, and her childhood. Jennie was always there, happy to see family, but could be giibadiz when she felt like it. She is Midewiwin and makwa is her doodem.

She was preceded in death by mother, Marie Sears Woodenfrog and father, John Woodenfrog, Sr.; brothers: William Woodenfrog and John Woodenfrog, Jr.; sisters: Mary Woodenfrog Strong, Nancy Woodenfrog Boney, and Louise Woodenfrog; nephews: Peter Boney Sr., Arnold Boney, Kenneth Boney, John Boney, James Boney, Jr., and Harvey Thompson; and niece: Julia Wilde. She is survived by her nieces: Irene Boney (Roseville, MN) and Mary Ann Juliano (Lawrence, KS); and many grandnieces and grand-nephews and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

SERVICES: Traditional Wake and Services were held on May 12 & 13, 2024 at the Nett Lake Government and Community Services Center. The spiritual advisor was Bill Blackwell and the spiritual advisor's assistant was Vern Adams. Pallbearers: Matthew Boney, Jim Morrison, Jason Boney, Kyle Juliano, John Juliano and Andyr Warrington. The honorary bearers were: Jeffrey Boney, Pete Boney Jr. Brad Johnson, James Wilde, Anthony Juliano and Preston Juliano. Burial: Woodenfrog Cemetery in Nett Lake. Arrangements are with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT:

There have been many instances where Bins have been placed close to mailboxes and other objects that make it difficult to reach the Bin, resulting in No Pickup. Please be mindful of obstacles when placing your bin curbside. Thank you!

North Woods Grizzlies' Archery team makes it to Nationals!

COOK—While the North Woods Grizzlies' Archery team had a good showing at the state tournament, the Middle School team, featuring archers in grades sixth through eighth, qualified for the National tournament in Kentucky.

"Every three years we fund-raise to bring the kids to the National competition held in either Salt Lake City Utah or Louisville," said Coach Randy Long of his team, which consists of students from Nett Lake, Orr and Cook. "I'm really proud of them and our entire program, which continues to represent North Woods School extremely well."

Although only the Middle School qualified for a competitive shoot at Nationals, the entire team is allowed to be present and shoot.

"Our team consists of nearly 50 kids ranging from fourth to 12th grade," said Long. "We had 27 team members make the trip to Kentucky."

Long said the team left for the trip on the evening of May 8th on a Shubat Transportation coach bus and then competed in two matches the next evening at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the Louisville College Convention center.

The National competition involved nearly 450 schools ranging from 15,000 to 20,000 students shooting throughout a three-day period. 440 Bullseye and 136 3D targets were shot at every hour for an eight-hour session.

Each target has two competing archers shooting at it

throughout the day, so nearly 1,152 archers were shooting every hour on the hour.

"Although the trip is archery focused, we try and involve the kids in multiple activities," said Coach Randy Long, who works for the Bois Forte Tribal Government. "After the team concluded shooting for the event, we bussed them over to Churchill Downs to watch the horse's race where the Kentucky Derby is held."

Long said another activity involved bringing the kids to the Louisville Bat Factory, which was, pardon the play on words— a big hit.

"The team took a tour and witnessed the process of making many of the professional bats currently being used in MLB starting from a 4x4 piece of wood," said Long.

The team then attended a Louisville minors' baseball game, where the team was able to see the bats being used in a real game. Long said the trip concluded by bringing the kids to their final outing, an inside electric go-cart racing track, where the kids can either drive or play games throughout the complex.

"It was an exhausting five-day trip, but the experience the students had was priceless," said Long. "We'd like to thank all of our sponsors for their help in making this trip a reality for our hard-working student/athletes."

Congratulations to the North Woods Grizzlies' Archery team and Coach Long for a great season!



ENJOYING THE EXPERIENCE— Pictured here are some members of the North Woods School Grizzlies' Archery team that made it to Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. Submitted photo.

1854 Treaty Authority is holding an *instructor taught*

FIREARM SAFETY/HUNTER

EDUCATION

certification course, in partnership with the Bois
Forte Boys & Girls Club (BGC)

Tuesday - Thursday
August 13-15th
Vermillion/Nett Lake

Plan on hunting this fall?
Anyone 12 to 15 years old must have a valid firearms safety certificate
while hunting big or small game in the 1854 Ceded Territory.

- Anyone 11 years and older can participate
- Class size is limited - sign up ASAP
- All lunches and materials included
- MUST** attend all 3 days to earn a certificate
- Transportation will be provided for BGC members
- Parents/guardians responsible for transport of non-BGC FASHE kids

Get more details when you REGISTER



OR contact:

- Marne Kaeske
- Cultural Preservation Specialist
- 218-722-8907
- mkaeske@1854treatyauthority.org

If you have a news item or announcement for
the Bois Forte News,
please send it to: bkanderson@fortunebay.com
Our deadline for the July 2024 edition is June 20, 2024.



GOOD JOB TEAM!—Here is the Fortune Bay crew, who recently helped out with the St. Louis County Adopt-A-Highway program. Pictured, left to right, are Bridgette Burr, Hannah Lehti-Chosa, E.J. Deegan, Brad Anderson, and Jennifer Sundahl.

FBRC crew does its civic duty!

TOWER— With Fortune Bay Resort Casino getting ready for the onset of another busy summer, some of its staff did their civic duty and cleaned up a two-mile stretch of highway leading to the popular destination property.

“We all had a great time working together,” said Fortune Bay’s Director of Public Relations Brian K. Anderson. “It was nice when we would get an occasional wave or honk of the horn from people driving by thanking us for our efforts.”

The cleanup took place just two days prior to Fortune Bay’s unofficial kick off

to summer, which is when it hosts the City Auto Glass Walleye Classic.

“It’s always nice to do this before we get overly busy with events like that,” said Anderson. “We’ll keep our eye on the stretch and do another clean up as needed during the summer or early fall.”

The cleanup is done as part of the St. Louis County Adopt-A-Highway program. Those helping with the recent cleanup included: Anderson, Bridgette Burr, Jennifer Sundahl, E.J. Deegan, Hannah Lehti-Chosa and Brad Anderson.

TERO
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

ABOUT US



TERO was established by tribal law, enacted by the Bois Forte Tribal Council, to promote and require Indian Preference in employment, training, and contracting. The TERO Ordinance, revised and adopted on July 20, 2005, covers all non-governmental employers and projects located on or near the Bois Forte Reservation

The Nett Lake Band of Chippewa Indians have a sovereign right to employment opportunities on and near their own land. These rights are protected through your local TERO Ordinance enacted by the Bois Forte Tribal Council.

Tribal members should register with the TERO office to ensure they are listed by job skills and qualifications, in the event a job opening occurs for which they are qualified.



TERO OFFICER

WARREN VILLEBRUN

Office: 218-757-3261
Cell: 218-404-8481
Fax: 218-757-3312
Email: wvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov
Mail to: wvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov

218-757-3261 x 1196 5344 Lakeshore Dr. Nett Lake MN 55772 wvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov

Lutheran Social Service

COMMUNITY CARE CLOSET

Community Care Closet is a free resource for community members in need!

Stop by to check us out or find us on Facebook for weekly updates!


We accept all sizes of clothes for men, women, and children - as well as hygiene products, feminine care products, household products and more!

Location

The Family Resource Center
507 S 9th Ave W
Virginia, MN 55792

Hours

10 am - 2 pm
Every Wednesday



Questions?

savannah.parisien@LSSMN.ORG